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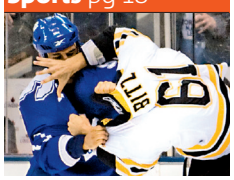

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Province not porn police

Premier eschews online filters for schools, libraries

It's not really up to the government to block access to pornography on computers at schools and libraries, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday, amid a push for mandatory Internet filtering software to protect children across the province.

McGuinty said he believed that responsibility really should fall on parents themselves.

"You've got to take a personal interest in the technology in your home, you've got to understand what they've (your kids) got access to, there are certain kinds of filters that you can put in place," he said.

School boards

- Education Minister Kathleen Wynne insists the filter decision is up to the individual school boards, adding the schools are "very, very aware of this."

Progressive Conservative Gerry Martiniuk, who represents the riding of Cambridge, argues it's unrealistic to expect library or school staff to constantly monitor the sites accessed by their computers.

Only between 25 to 35 per cent of schools and libraries have filters in place, Martiniuk said, because they aren't required to by law, and he wants a uniform policy across Ontario.

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Chiefs outraged over body bags delivery to Manitoba reserves

Aboriginal leaders in Manitoba say they are horrified and want an explanation as to why some of the reserves hardest hit by swine flu in the spring have just received dozens of body bags from Health Canada.

Chiefs say the body bags — which were in a shipment of hand sanitizers and face masks — were sent to a cluster of remote northern reserves where dozens of patients were airlifted to hospital in the spring.

"If this is preparedness, they're sending the wrong message to our communities. Who would do such a thing?" Grand Chief David Harper, who represents Manitoba's northern First Nations, asked yesterday.

Flu Outbreak

"It's like sending body bags to Afghanistan for our soldiers. We've been asking for proper health institutions, proper health equipment. Instead, what do we get? Body bags. That's totally unacceptable."

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said in Ottawa she was disturbed when she heard body bags had been sent to some aboriginal communities.

"I have ordered my deputy minister to conduct a thorough and immediate inquiry into the situation and I will continue to work with First Nations, provinces and territories to ensure all Canadians are informed and protected against H1N1," she said.

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Protests flare over Fort Erie ER closure

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he "hopes" people in the Fort Erie area won't be forced to take ambulances to Buffalo once their local emergency room closes. A small group of protesters from Fort Erie and Port Colborne visited Queen's Park yesterday in hopes of preventing the closure of the emergency room at Douglas Memorial Hospital. McGuinty says the government takes its advice on such matters from local health integration networks.

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Urban Compass

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'Did she know she was going to die?'

Rengel's mom gives powerful victim impact statement at sentencing hearing

The mother of a 14-year-old girl stabbed to death in a murder committed to placate teenage jealousies is haunted by not knowing her daughter's last moments, or if she cried out for her mother, court heard yesterday.

Patricia Hung delivered a powerful victim impact statement at the sentencing hearing of D.B., a 19-year-old man who can only be identified by his initials because he was 17 at the time of the New Year's Day 2008 murder of Stefanie Rengel.

"I lie awake at night wondering if he spoke to her before he plunged in the knife, over and over," Hung said.

"Did Stefanie beg him to stop, scream in pain, call my name? Did he just laugh at her and run? Did she know she was going to die?"

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D.B. pleaded guilty in April to first-degree murder, saying he killed Rengel to appease his jealous girlfriend, Melissa Todorovic.

Todorovic was sentenced as an adult in July to life with no chance of parole for seven years for being what the judge called the "puppet master" in the murder.

The opening day of the sentencing hearing included victim impact statements from Stefanie's mother and her younger brother.

After they were through, D.B. could be seen dabbing at his eyes with a tissue.

The court also heard from psychiatrist Dr. Lisa Ramshaw, who diagnosed D.B. with antisocial personality disorder.

She said a mild conduct disorder complicated by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and issues with aggression and impulsivity led her to the diagnosis.

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Man pleads guilty to bank robberies

CRIME Last year, on Sept. 12, Kevin John Pinto left his plush 21st floor office and went down to the main floor.

He walked by a Second Cup in the lobby, out on to the street and headed to the Bank of Nova Scotia on King Street West, a five-minute walk away.

At 12:30 p.m., he went up to a teller and asked her about the American dollar exchange rate. She was probably still explaining when he handed her a little note. It said: "This is a hold-up. Give me all the 50s and 20s."

Minutes later, he strolled out with over $7,200. It wasn't his first time either. Pinto, 38, a former financial compliance officer with investment firm Paradigm Capital, pleaded guilty yesterday to 10 counts of robbery. Sentencing was postponed to Oct. 13 for the judge to consider submissions about Pinto's character and motive.

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LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U of T student Jack Zhang enjoys another day of warm weather with his friends and a frisbee at the U of T campus in downtown Toronto yesterday afternoon.

Summer weather arrives just in time for fall

DRY PERIOD After one of the wettest summers on record, Torontonians are finally getting relief in a sunny September dry spell unmatched for more than 70 years.

According to Environment Canada, there hasn't been a trace of rain in the city since Aug. 30.

50 We've already had 50 per cent more sunshine and temperatures about 3 degrees higher than normal for the first part of the month.

A dry period like this hasn't happened since the fall of 1938, when Toronto enjoyed 26 days without a drop of precipitation.

"Maybe after all that complaining, nature has heard us and has finally decided to do something," said Dave Phillips, a senior climatologist at Environment Canada.

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Prank at school leads to assault charges for teen

CRIME York region police have laid charges related to a prank at a Richmond Hill high school that resulted in eye injuries to a staff member.

Police say on the last day of school June 15, a suspect dumped a bucket of flour over the head of a 50-year-old man.

Court

- The accused will appear in court in Newmarket on Sept. 30.

The man suffered eye injuries that still require treatment.

Police say following an investigation a suspect turned himself in on Sept. 4 and was arrested.

A 17-year-old Richmond Hill youth has been charged with offences that include assault with a weapon causing bodily harm, assault, wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence and mischief.

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Police search for Vaughan sex-assault suspect

York Region police are searching for a man who sexually assaulted three young girls while they were shopping for candles at a Wal-Mart in Vaughan. He's described as white, five foot seven, in his late 20s or early 30s, with short brown hair and thick eyebrows. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NDP doesn't like the odds

McGuinty under fire for OLG

Staff from Premier Dalton McGuinty's office acted in violation of access to information rules and intentionally delayed the release of thousands of pages of expense claims filed by Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. executives, the opposition parties charged yesterday.

"This appears to be political interference of the highest order, with direct connection right back to the premier's office," NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said in the legislature.

"Clearly, (McGuinty) and his office were desperately, desperately trying to manage their way out of yet another expense scandal."

The allegations of interference by the premier's office first came from Kelly McDougald, the fired head of Ontario Lottery and Gaming, in a notice of claim for her $8.4 million wrongful dismissal suit against the government and Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

> **"This appears to be political interference of the highest order, with direct connection right back to the premier's office."**
> NDP Leader Andrea Horwath

"The Minister (Duncan) advised ... that the government could not delay the release of the records any further," McDougald alleged in the 18-page legal document.

The notice of claim contains allegations yet to be proven in court. The Ontario government has said it will dispute the claim.

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TIFF's stock rising **Cooking With Stella**

MALCOLM TAYLOR/GETTY IMAGES

Actors Don McKellar, left, and Lisa Ray open the market at the Toronto Stock Exchange in celebration of the 34th Toronto International Film Festival and this evening's gala premiere of Cooking With Stella at Roy Thomson Hall yesterday in Toronto

Premier keeps up pressure on Iggy over HST

POLITICS Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is putting federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on the spot about tax harmonization.

It's important for Ontario residents to know where the federal Liberals stand on the blending of the provincial sales tax with the federal GST, McGuinty said yesterday.

"I had the clearest of impressions that the federal Liberal party was to be supportive of our efforts to move ahead with a single sales tax in the province of Ontario," he said.

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Urbanfund buys Yonge-Bloor stake

REAL ESTATE Urbanfund Corp., a Toronto real estate developer, says it has acquired a $2-million stake in a residential-commercial site at the southeast corner of Yonge and Bloor streets in downtown Toronto.

Urbanfund's shares were halted on the TSX Venture Exchange pending news.

The company said yesterday it invested the $2 million alongside Westdale Construction Co. Ltd., Urbanfund's largest shareholder, to form Bloor East Holdings Inc. Bloor East owns 33.33 per cent of the property.

Urbanfund bought 10 per cent of Bloor East Holdings.

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News in brief

THEFT Five men are charged after York Region police recovered a portion of more than $1 million in printer ink stolen last winter. Mithilan Balasubmanianan, 22, Faisal Cheema, 27, Michael Ford, 26, Kin-Lon Koo, 21, and Satvinder Singh, 30, all face numerous charges.

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Ex-MP facing drug charges

Former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer, right, is facing charges of drunk driving and cocaine possession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Libs eye byelection

Opposition targets scandals, HST tax hike

Ontario's governing Liberals are hoping to hang on to an important Toronto riding today as voters head to the polls for a crucial byelection.

But opposition party candidates insist that voter anger over proposed tax harmonization and expense fiascos at provincial agencies will be enough to dislodge the Liberals from the seat they've held for a decade.

"People are really tired of more taxes, they're tired of their taxes not being spent in a value-for-money manner," said Tory candidate Sue-Ann Levy, a city hall columnist for the Toronto Sun who has taken a leave of absence to run for office.

NDP candidate Julian Heller, a lawyer and longtime resident of the riding, said the spending scandals at government agencies and the single sales tax are "lightening rods" for a community that's already unhappy with the Liberals.

McGuinty remained optimistic yesterday, saying his government's record on such issues as education, health care, the environment and the economy will also influence voters.

Dr. Eric Hoskins, a former adviser to Lloyd Axworthy who helped create War Child Canada, is carrying the Liberal banner in the riding but was unavailable for comment yesterday. Chris Chopik will represent the Green Party.

One expert believes the Conservatives, who are eager to attract urban voters, have more to gain in the race than the Liberals.

PC leader Tim Hudak played down his party's chances of victory yesterday, calling the riding a "Liberal stronghold" even though it was held by the Conservatives before former cabinet minister Michael Bryant won it in 1999.

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The byelection is to fill the seat of former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant.

News in brief

ARREST Toronto Police have laid charges in an attack where a 58-year-old man was sprayed with pepper spray in an alley off Leslie Street about 7 a.m. on Sept. 3. Daniel Arron Lightowler, 26, of no fixed address, was arrested Tuesday. He faces six charges, including assault and administering a noxious substance.

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Newmarket man faces child porn charges

York region police have laid child pornography charges against a Newmarket man after an investigation that lasted for several months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fewer university applications from poor areas

Teens at schools in poor neighbourhoods are 13 per cent less likely to apply to university than students at schools in richer areas, new research shows — and the gap is widening, particularly in pricey programs like commerce.

But the gap is slightly less at Catholic schools, and at schools with more students of East Asian background, according to the study.

"I think the (Asian) culture in general values education and places it in a higher rank on the priority list," said Gorick Ng, a Grade 12 student at Toronto's Marc Garneau Collegiate. "Growing up in that culture really encourages kids to strive for that goal that has been impressed on them since their childhood. I can see that being one reason why there are so many applicants from those groups."

Ng's parents emigrated from China and did not finish high school, but they have always expected him to go to university, which he intends to do next year.

67 In the more affluent areas, applications to university jumped 67 per cent in those 10 years, but stayed roughly flat at the lowest income schools.

The report, released yesterday by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario, tracked applications to university across the province from 1995 to 2005 and found students in neighbourhoods where families earn less than $54,500 a year are less likely to apply to university than those where household income tops $75,000.

It's not clear why students at Catholic schools in poor areas are a little more likely — five per cent more — to apply to university than their peers at public high schools.

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Group wins battle to stop condo

EGLINTON PARK Two years and hundreds of hours of work seem to have paid off for the Eglinton Park Residents' Association, which won its struggle against a developer applying to rezone two city blocks.

The Ontario Municipal Board released its decision Tuesday turning down an application by Top of the Tree Developments to designate the northeast corner of Montgomery and Duplex avenues, northwest of Eglinton Avenue and Yonge Street, as highrise residential, blocking its proposed construction of a 25-storey condo building there.

"If we had allowed this building to proceed as envisioned, it would have destabilized the neighbourhood," says Ward 16 Coun. Karen Stintz, who contended the proposed tower was too big for the site and would have isolated some homes not purchased as part of the plan.

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Ex-Brantford city councillor dies in tractor accident

A former city councillor in Brantford has been identified as the victim of a fatal tractor accident outside the city Sunday. Provincial police say 77-year-old Dr. Robert Smith was riding a small tractor to cut grass when it flipped and pinned him underneath. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Ottawa won't block wireless sale

Industry Minister Tony Clement says Ottawa won't block the $1.13-billion US sale of Nortel Networks' wireless division to Sweden's Ericsson. The minister says there is no basis for a federal review of the deal on national security grounds. As well, the deal falls under the value threshold of Investment Canada review guidelines. In addition, Ericsson is planning to offer jobs to 800 Nortel workers in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP support nixes election

New Democrats want promised EI reforms from Conservatives

The NDP says it will prop up Stephen Harper's minority government long enough to pass legislation to help unemployed workers — a decision that all but rules out an election this fall.

MP Thomas Mulcair said yesterday the New Democrats will support the Conservatives on a crucial budget vote tomorrow.

And, he indicated, the NDP will continue to back the government on other confidence votes provided that promised employment insurance reforms prove to be as generous as billed — almost $1 billion in extended benefits to about 190,000 long-term workers.

"We're not going to do anything that will block that money from flowing immediately to the people who need that help," Mulcair said.

Until now, Harper has been able to rely on support from the Liberals for his government's survival. But Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff served notice two weeks ago that his party will take the earliest opportunity to topple the government, putting the NDP and Bloc Québécois in the awkward position of determining Harper's fate.

Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe said Tuesday his party will also support tomorrow's budget motion, which paves the way for implementation of the popular home-renovation tax credit, among other measures. But Duceppe made it clear the Bloc will not support the Conservatives if presented with a motion asking if MPs still have confidence in the government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair tells the media his party will support the budget motion to be voted on by the House of Commons tomorrow, following an NDP caucus meeting on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

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Tories attempt show of unity with Mulroney gala

POLITICS A 25th-anniversary party for Brian Mulroney's 1984 election landslide is being cast by members of Stephen Harper's government as a show of unity for a party that recently suffered its share of discord.

The guest list includes the prime minister's wife, Laureen, and more than 20 current MPs from both the old Reform and Progressive Conservative wings of the current governing party.

Relations became strained between Mulroney loyalists and the government over the past year amid an inquiry into the former prime minister's business dealings.

Mulroney's allies have frequently cited that spat as a reason the party did so poorly in Quebec, and lost its shot at a majority in last fall's federal election.

But observers say it's questionable the display of unity in a Montreal hotel tonight might actually make a difference.

"It's a party of old party hacks."
Jean Lapierre, former minister

One well-connected political commentator compares the party to a high school reunion involving greying politicians of days gone by.

"It's a party of old party hacks," said Jean Lapierre, a former federal Liberal cabinet minister and onetime Bloc Québécois MP. "It's nice to see them but, at the end, you're not talking about a force that can change the dynamics of politics in Quebec. You're talking about people 25 years ago who had some influence." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manslaughter suspect hunted across Canada
A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a man wanted in a death three years ago in Calgary. Ryan Charles Michael Everett, 26, is wanted for one count of manslaughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recession? Here's the new 'R' word

Economists hailing a rebound

Feel good about the economy today. That's the message from economists.

They point to new data showing a surprisingly strong rebound across the economic spectrum.

Their message: Canada is showing unmistakable signs of having recovered from the recession.

The good news evidence:

- July factory shipments, the Achilles heel of the Canadian economy, show a robust one-month 5.5 per cent jump in activity.
- New online job postings rose in August, the Conference Board of Canada reported.
- Home and auto sales are up — suggesting low interest rates are proving hard to resist.

The new figures follow a startling 2.7 per cent increase in U.S. consumer spending that's good news for Canadian exports of autos and other goods.

It's all "very good news," said economist Sal Guatieri of BMO Capital Markets.

"The global economy is on an upswing.

"We are seeing a faster-than-expected recovery, not just in Canada but in the U.S. as well."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jobs look good

- Although close to half a million full-time jobs have vanished, that's about half the carnage that has occurred in the U.S.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development predicts Canada's unemployment rate will hit 10 per cent next year before it starts to rebound.

Farewell to the fallen **A kiss for her hero**

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Annie Roberge blows a kiss yesterday as she kneels with her four-year-old son, Charles, middle, her six-year-old daughter, Alexandra, behind, and an unidentified relative as a hearse carrying her husband, Maj. Yannick Pepin, leaves his funeral service at CFB Valcartier. Pepin and Cpl. Jean-Francois Drouin were killed in Afghanistan on Sept. 6 by a roadside bomb.

Bureaucrats spent $11,320 on golf balls, tees

CRIME A federal government agency set up to help struggling farmers spent $11,320 for golf balls and tees over the last two years.

The agency, Farm Credit Canada, doled out another $34,255 for 454 tickets to "sporting events."

The outlays for entertainment and pick-me-ups were among millions of dollars in spending by departments and agencies disclosed in the House of Commons this week.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pension chief says new system needed

RETIREMENT The head of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board says the pension system isn't working properly.

David Denison says the Canada Pension Plan is on solid ground.

But he says policy-makers should develop a new national system that would require all companies and employees to pay into a fund that would include an opt-out provision for those with good corporate pension plans.

About 11 million Canadians have no company pension. And some plans are crumbling in the recession.

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News in brief

THEFT Thieves broke into Justin Trudeau's office and swiped a computer. An aide to the Liberal MP says it contains no sensitive information.

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Taillon still in ADQ leadership race
Gilles Taillon, Mario Dumont's former right-hand man, is staying in the race to become the new Action democratique du Quebec leader despite having cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa to publish flu ration list

Pregnant women first for vaccine

Flu **Outbreak**

The federal government is about to release its list of who should be first in line to get the vaccine for influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, when it is ready.

Sources tell The Canadian Press the list will be outlined later today. The World Health Organization has recommended that countries first offer the vaccine to health-care workers to ensure systems are able to cope with the expected increase in demand.

It suggests if vaccine has to be rationed at first, countries should consider putting pregnant women, children and adults with chronic health conditions at the front of the line.

In the U.S., where vaccination is expected to start earlier but take longer than in Canada, officials say the first batches should go to pregnant women, people living with or caring for infants under six months of age, health-care and emergency service workers, all children, adolescents and young adults to age 24 and people aged 25 to 64. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Program

- Canadian officials say the vaccination program in this country should start by mid-November at the latest and everyone who wants and needs vaccine should have a dose by the end of the year.

Regina **Female troop on parade**

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Members of Troop 17, the first troop of all-female RCMP cadets, march yesterday at a Regina RCMP depot to celebrate 35 years of female uniformed members in the RCMP. The first all-female troop started training on Sept. 16, 1974, and graduated on March 3, 1975.

News in brief

ISOTOPES The Saskatchewan government is being urged to provide the public with more information about medical isotopes, especially if it wants to get into the supply business. The province has pitched a plan to Ottawa to build a nuclear reactor that could replace an aging facility in Ontario that supplies medical isotopes to the world.

HEALTH Alberta plans to mothball about 300 acute care hospital beds over three years to save money and to create emergency space in case of a serious swine flu outbreak. The bed closures will result in roughly $50 million in savings.

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Cod catch exceeds target: WWF

FISHING The amount of cod caught on the Grand Banks in the last year exceeded a voluntary bycatch reduction target set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization by more than 500 tonnes, or 119 per cent, the World Wildlife Fund said.

"We cannot continue to ignore these numbers," said Robert Rangeley, the WWF's vice-president for the Atlantic region. "Rebuilding fish stocks and ecosystems is possible if exploitation rates are reduced and effective controls are implemented in waters beyond national jurisdictions."

In 2008, NAFO set a voluntary bycatch reduction target of 420 tonnes after delegates opposed making them mandatory. The target figure is estimated to be the maximum bycatch the cod population can withstand and still have a chance to recover. A bycatch is the amount boats are allowed to keep of a species they are not specifically fishing for.

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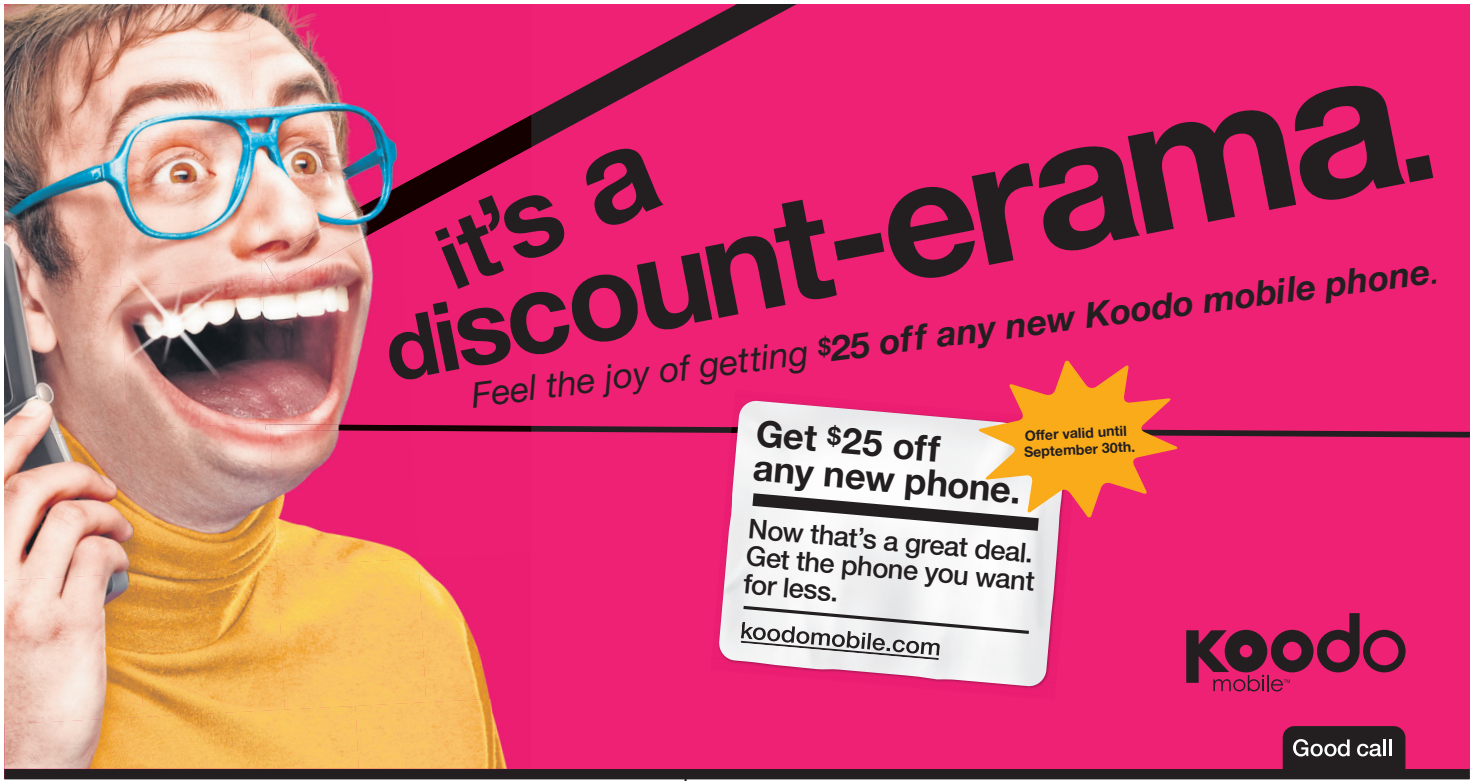

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Mugabe tries to quell investor fears
Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe told businessmen yesterday that their potential investments in the country would be safe, while the finance minister announced the country is $5.7 billion US in debt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Spending on border wrong: Senator

A senior Democratic senator says U.S. Homeland Security officials are treating the economic stimulus like a bottomless pit of taxpayer money. North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan, left, is calling on the Obama administration to suspend hundreds of millions of dollars in renovations to border checkpoints. North Dakota borders both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Dorgan says it is wrong to spend $15 million US on checkpoints serving a handful of cars a day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TEXAS A death row inmate won't be able to argue for a new trial, despite admissions of an affair between his trial judge and the prosecutor. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a ruling yesterday that convicted murderer Charles Dean Hood should have raised concerns about the affair between the now retired court officials in earlier appeals. Hood won a reprieve last September, a day before his scheduled execution. He was convicted in a 1989 double homicide.

FRANCE Paris' underground bone collection, the catacombs, has been closed to the public indefinitely after being vandalized. A spokeswoman for the Paris prosecutor's office said yesterday that an investigation has been opened into the weekend incidents. The catacombs are a vast underground network of tunnels holding the bones of more than six million Parisians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Focus stays on Afghanistan

Mission dominates Harper-Obama talks along with economy, team flights

Flanked by the man who once declared the war in Afghanistan unwinnable, U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday the U.S. has yet to decide on the best strategy for the ongoing conflict and won't send any more soldiers there until it does.

"We have lacked as clear of a strategy and a mission as is necessary in order to meet our overriding objective, which is to dismantle and disrupt and destroy al-Qaida," Obama said following an hour-long White House meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Amid health-care hand-wringing in the U.S. and protectionist panic in Canada, it was Obama's stark admissions about the American role in Afghanistan that commanded the most attention. In March, Harper said: "We are not going to ever defeat the insurgency ... my reading of Afghan history is that it is probably had an insurgency forever, of some kind."

Top U.S. military officials want more troops beyond the current level of 68,000. But Obama said their calls for a mightier military presence will not be heeded hastily.

"There is no immediate decision pending on resources, because one of the things I'm absolutely clear about is you have to get the strategy right," he said.

Obama made a point of mentioning how persistent Harper had been on the Buy American provisions in the U.S. economic stimulus package.

"He's been on the job on this issue," Obama said.

Another particular sore spot has been a policy to enforce restrictions on foreign charter flights that effectively prevent Canadian sports teams from visiting more than one U.S. city before returning home. It appeared close to being resolved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper meets with U.S. President Barack Obama in the Oval Office of the White House yesterday.

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EU calls for curbs on bank bonuses

BANKS European Union leaders plan to urge the world's largest economies today to threaten sanctions on banks that pay excessive bonuses to executives and traders as part of a promised overhaul of the global financial system. Leaders of the EU said the meeting of G20 nations in Pittsburgh on Sept. 24 should set binding rules for how banks reward employees. French President Nicolas Sarkozy has threatened to walk out of the talks if other nations don't strike a deal on bonuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Example

- Citigroup, which is now one-third owned by the U.S. government as a result of its bailout, gave 738 of its employees bonuses of at least $1 million US each, even after it lost $18.7 billion during the year.

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Relations with Italy OK, says Romanian premier

Romanian Premier Emil Boc says relations with Italy are good, as he seeks to move past tensions over crimes blamed on Romanian immigrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Internet child porn increasing: Expert

The number of websites containing child pornography is increasing and more images show serious abuses, a UN expert said yesterday.

More than 4 million websites worldwide show images of children being sexually exploited, said the UN investigator on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Najat M'jid Maalla.

"There is an increase in the number of sites recorded," she told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, citing research by the U.K.-industry group Internet Watch Foundation.

19% According to a U.S. study, 19 per cent of people who had child porn possessed images of children younger than three years old.

"The number of images showing serious exploitation quadrupled between 2003 and 2007, showing abject images of brutal rape, bondage, oral sex and other forms of debasement," Maalla said.

Over 750,000 people are using child porn sites at any time said Maalla. Internet chat rooms have become the main method for child abusers to recruit children, she added.

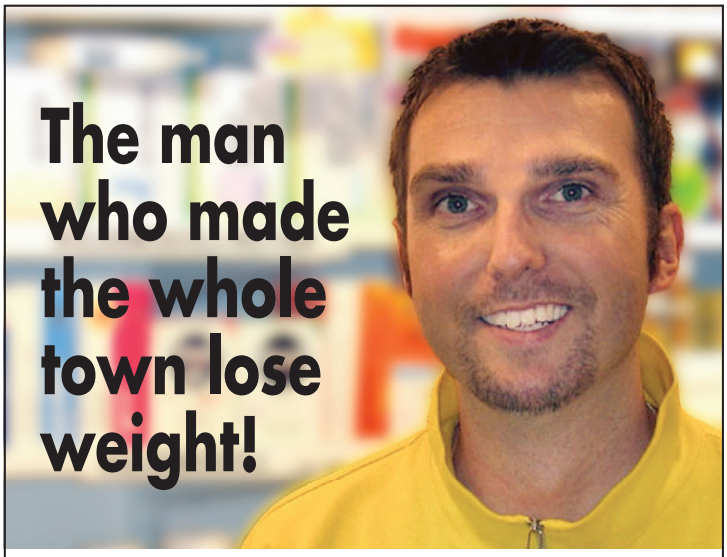
A U.S. study on missing and exploited children found 83 per cent of people who had child pornography possessed images of children aged 6 to 12 years old.

Maalla urged international co-operation to stop the child pornography industry, which she estimated to be worth between $3 billion and $20 billion. She recommended countries share information on sites containing child pornography. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grand Mufti defends women's right to trousers

CAIRO Egypt's top Islamic authority has defended women's rights to wear trousers in public following a high profile court case in neighbouring Sudan where women were flogged for dressing in pants.

Grand Mufti Ali Gomaa said in a public lecture Monday that trousers covering women's bodies are permitted, emphasizing they should be loose and not see through. Gomaa's remarks, in response to a question, were published yesterday in the Egyptian daily al-Shorouk as well as other newspapers. Sudan caused a stir when it flogged 10 women for wearing trousers. One contested the penalty and was let off with a fine for public indecency in a trial that garnered international attention. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The man who made the whole town lose weight!

In the small town of Ålesund in Norway, people have been introduced to a secret about weight loss that made over 1500 of them lose weight. The man behind the secret is a health food storeowner, who discovered a new and innovative way of using mulberries.

A CUSTOMER ASKED FOR ADVICE

It all began a summer day in 2006 when a customer of Johnny Pettersen asked him for advice about how to eliminate sugar cravings; "I gave my customer a box of New Nordic's Mulberry leaf tablets, because mulberry is well known to lower your blood sugar after meals. When blood sugar is stable, sugar cravings disappear. It worked very well!"

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1500 CUSTOMERS LOST WEIGHT

After the success of the first customers, word traveled fast; "In the last 12 months I have worked with over 1500 customers in Ålesund and the surrounding area. Mulberry has been a tremendous success. Once my customers try the tablets they come back, often with friends and family, and buy 4-6 packages at a time – not just one. It is a great business, but even more rewarding because I see my customers coming back happy, healthy and slim", Johnny explains.

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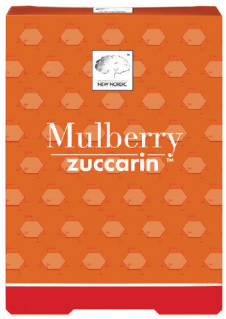

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Japan gets new PM

Hatoyama to review presence of U.S. troops

Japan's parliament named Yukio Hatoyama prime minister yesterday, as his party took power for the first time ever with promises to revive the slumping economy and make Tokyo a more equal partner in its alliance with the U.S.

The Stanford-educated Hatoyama said he plans to review the American military presence in Japan, where 50,000 U.S. troops are stationed. But he said he will not stress that potentially contentious issue in a first meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama that could come later this month.

The outgoing Liberal Democrats, who had ruled the country for most of the postwar era, are staunchly pro-American.

Yukio Hatoyama

Some have worried that the incoming Democratic Party of Japan would make changes to the U.S. relationship, but both Hatoyama and Washington have been careful to dispel the notion that any big shift is afoot.

Hatoyama, 62, has been careful to reassure Japanese and Americans alike that the U.S. will remain the "cornerstone" of his government's foreign policy, though the new leader did say yesterday he hoped to build a new kind of relationship with Obama by exchanging ideas "frankly."

"Japan has been largely passive in our relationship, but I would like to be a more active partner," Hatoyama told a news conference after he was elected prime minister, winning 327 of the 480 votes in the more powerful lower house of parliament.

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Lightning kills 5 children in Cameroon

TRAGEDY A lightning bolt killed five children at their school in northwest Cameroon as they were preparing to begin their school day, a local doctor said yesterday.

Some 58 others were taken to a hospital near the small village of Bamali, which is some 460 kilometres northwest of the capital, Yaounde. A chief medical officer said 34 children were still being treated for other ailments yesterday.

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Witnesses point to witchcraft

- Several witnesses said they believed the event had mystical roots. Belief in witchcraft is common in the West African nation, and a thunderbolt is traditionally seen as a way of settling disputes.

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Charge laid over a mother's love

Aimee Louise Sword, a 35-year-old Detroit-area woman, has been accused of having sex with her biological son after finding him on the Internet. She faces one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

His date with death

A Virginia judge yesterday set a Nov. 10 execution date for John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 dead.

The attorney general's office last week requested the execution be on Nov. 9, but Prince William County Circuit Judge Mary Grace O'Brien chose a day later.

The date, a Tuesday, was picked so courts would be open the day before in case they have to take up last-minute appeals, said Jonathan Sheldon, Muhammad's attorney.

John Allen Muhammad

Sheldon said Muhammad will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and ask Gov. Timothy Kaine for clemency.

Muhammad was sentenced to death for the slaying of Dean Meyers, one of 10 people shot to death during a 2002 rampage. Muhammad and teen accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo killed six people in Alabama and Louisiana before moving on to Maryland, D.C. and Virginia.

Malvo is serving life in prison.

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Belgium **Farmers crying over spilt milk**

YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a unique protest, farmers spray milk onto a field in Ciney, Belgium, yesterday. Farmers dumped three million litres of fresh milk to show they can't make a living from current rock-bottom prices.

Karzai's victory far from assured, Canadian says

AFGHANISTAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai's re-election bid has cleared one major hurdle, but the Canadian reviewing the results says the final outcome is far from certain.

Electoral Complaints Commission chairman Grant Kippen says his investigation into allegations of voting fraud will take several more weeks.

Afghan election officials say Karzai received 54.6 per cent of the vote Aug. 20. Election rules require the front-runner to receive at least 50 per cent of the vote to claim a first-ballot victory.

The results will not be certified, however, until Kippen's commission finishes its investigation into thousands of potentially fraudulent votes.

If enough votes are thrown out for Karzai to drop below 50 per cent, it will force him into a two-man runoff with top challenger Abdullah Abdullah.

Kippen says if a runoff vote becomes necessary, the Afghan constitution requires it be held within two weeks after the results being certified.

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All aboard — with your guns

TRAINS The U.S. Senate voted yesterday to allow passengers on Amtrak trains to transport handguns in their checked baggage.

The proposal will give Amtrak riders rights comparable to those enjoyed by airline passengers.

Flyers are permitted to transport firearms provided they declare them. They must be unloaded and in a locked container.

"Americans should not have their Second Amendment rights restricted for any reason," said Republican Sen. Roger Wicker, who submitted the proposal.

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Comment

Life in public, and private affairs

Relating

We are warned again and again of the complications workplace romances can create, particularly when they end. But just where are typical working slobs, who spend most of their waking hours on the job, supposed to meet someone?

These affairs become exponentially more perilous when one is: a) married; and b) a public office holder.

It's called public life for a reason. A politician is sort of famous, and also sort of lonely. Hours are long.

The family is either on display (during campaigns) or left behind (the rest of the time). They've already paid the price in divided attention and countless absences. And then gossip becomes news.

Northwest Territories Premier Floyd Roland is currently under investigation for his extramarital affair with Patricia Russell, a legislature clerk.

As usual, our homegrown sex scandal is lighter on the sex than is the norm in U.S. politics.

To take only the most recent example from down south, California assemblyman Michael Duvall was caught by a live microphone boasting of his sexual adventures with a younger woman bearing no resemblance to his wife.

On the web

- For more views on relating, go to Love Bytes at metronews.ca/blogs

Even in the overheated U.S. media climate, however, there has to be a "so what?" to the story. Lest the press, opposition politicos and public be accused of simply nosing into someone's private life, the accused must be guilty of something more than getting some, even though the sex is the only reason anyone is interested.

The "so what?" was easily furnished in this case: Duvall's alleged extracurricular playmate was also a lobbyist for an energy company with business before his committee. He also scored bonus points for hypocrisy, since he built a career as a conservative "family values" stalwart, an irony that's becoming so commonplace it's beginning to lose its shock.

Up north, the "so what?" is trickier to come by. The premier's accusers are alleging Russell passed confidential info to Roland. So far, the evidence is scant, but the allegation is sufficient to keep the inquiry going and remind voters regularly about his philandering.

Keep all this in mind the next time your own workplace hook-up becomes the subject of mortifying office gossip. It could always be worse.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Helping women hold up half the sky

FourthWave

It's alternatingly a point of pride and embarrassment to be a Canadian woman. We're an egalitarian country, but our annual bilateral aid amounts to $1.5 billion, compared to the $1 billion and climbing we put into the conflict in Afghanistan each year (and at least $10 billion to date). We live in relative utopia, but we turn away from the world's women, who face oppressive poverty, discrimination and violence.

And what horrors we ignore. In Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's new book, Half the Sky, we learn about women trafficked, drugged, beaten and killed in forced prostitution; women who die in childbirth or suffer stigmatizing, debilitating pregnancy-related injuries.

These stories aren't new, but they still fall on deaf ears. I'm guilty of that, rarely donating time or money.

The book's title and the Chinese proverb it's derived from — "Women hold up half the sky" — cuts to the heart of our uncomfortable privilege.

The key is helping women elevate themselves through education and economic emancipation, they argue, so hands off:

- Give freely to grassroots charities, which hire savvy locals and can reach poor, rural areas.
- Fund microloans that target women, who are more likely to invest family resources in education, health and income-generating businesses.
- Support education — Kristof and WuDunn cite evidence that educated girls have lower fertility rates (more kids exacerbate poverty), lower childbirth morbidity, are less likely to be abused, and have a greater chance at financial success.

These targeted initiatives have far-reaching effects, changing the way cultures see their women — not as burdens or inferiors, but as individuals that offer social purpose, independence and knowledge.

But why should I gush about this brilliant book? Read for yourself why feminism is still relevant, and why we need a new kind of foreign aid. I hope it embarrasses you enough to do something — it did for me. Camfed, which provides education to African girls, is now getting $10 US a month from me.

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Sanofi-Aventis appoints new chief of Canadian operations
Pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis has appointed Hugh O'Neill, formerly of the Paris-based company's U.S. operations, as president and CEO of its Canadian operations. Sanofi-Aventis employs more than 2,000 people at its Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GM offers cash for clunkers

Rebate of up to $3,000 for 1995 or older Canadian vehicles

General Motors Canada is offering customers up to $3,000 off a new GM vehicle if they trade in their old clunkers, making GM the fourth automaker to offer its own scrappage incentive in Canada.

The company said consumers who scrap their old cars through the government's Retire Your Ride program will qualify for the rebate — joining Hyundai Canada, Chrysler Canada and Ford Canada in offering company-specific scrappage incentives.

GM's program provides consumers with a rebate of $500, $1,000, $2,000 or $3,000, depending on the vehicle they purchase.

To qualify, the scrapped vehicle must be a 1995 model or older and in running condition.

The government's scrappage program offers $300 or other small incentives for consumers to retire their old cars.

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U.S. factories beginning to ramp up production

GOODS U.S. factories made more cars, clothing and other goods than expected in August, and inflation remained in check in the early stages of a broad economic recovery.

The U.S. Federal Reserve said yesterday that output at factories, mines and utilities rose 0.8 per cent. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected a 0.6 per cent increase.

Last month's gain marked the second straight increase after the global recession dried up appetites of customers worldwide.

That's no clunker

- Production at U.S. factories posted a 0.6 per cent gain in August, following a 1.4 per cent rise in July. Car production led the way, rising 5.5 per cent last month due mainly to the government's Cash for Clunkers program.

The core consumer price index, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose slightly over the 12 months ending in August, but is well within the Fed's comfort zone.

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Workers reject pay cut demand

MEDIA Unionized workers in the Chicago Sun-Times' newsroom have rejected demands 83-22 for 15 per cent pay cuts, wiping out seniority rules and reducing severance guarantees, putting at risk a planned sale of the financially struggling newspaper to an investment group.

STMG Holdings LLC, led by Chicago banker Jim Tyree, wants several concessions from the 18 unions, without which it will not bid for the company in a bankruptcy auction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogers shuffles business units

CABLE Rogers Communications Inc. has appointed Edward Rogers, son of the late company founder Ted Rogers, as deputy chairman of the company.

The Toronto-based cable and wireless firm also said it will reorganize its business units to create "a more streamlined organization" to drive growth and improve customer care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trading This Bud's for NYSE

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Carlos Brito, centre, Anheuser-Busch InBev CEO, rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange yesterday as shares of the Brussels-based brewer began trading again on the NYSE under the ticker symbol BUD. The symbol left the exchange last year after Anheuser-Busch Inc. sold itself to Belgian brewer InBev for $52 billion US to create the world's largest brewer, known for brands like Budweiser and Beck's.

Business in brief

OIL Norway's national oil agency yesterday said 44 companies have applied for 227 offshore oil exploration licences near existing fields, a strong sign of interest as the country tries to fight falling production. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil spikes on drop in supplies

DEMAND Energy prices jumped sharply yesterday on new indications of economic activity that could renew demand for oil, gasoline, and natural gas.

Prices began to rise early yesterday after the government reported a large drop in crude supplies.

Gas

- The spike in natural gas has left many energy experts skeptical because industrial demand is so low.

Crude for October delivery settled up $1.58. Natural gas prices continued their tear after hitting a seven-year low this month, rising more than 13 per cent yesterday.

Demand for gasoline rose 3.5 per cent over the past four weeks compared with a year ago when hurricanes Gustav and Ike curtailed production in the Gulf of Mexico and sent gasoline prices skyrocketing in parts of the country. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CSI

Shopping mall magnate, Pacers owner Simon dead
Melvin Simon, the son of a New York City tailor who started what is now the country's largest shopping mall company and owned the NBA's Indiana Pacers with his brother, died yesterday, a spokesman said. He was 82. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's banks bask in strong 3rd quarter

Canada's big banks were basking yesterday in the afterglow of a strong third-quarter performance that came amid a worldwide financial crisis in which scores of other financial institutions around the world crashed and burned.

At a financial forum in Toronto, senior executives trumpeted the gains banks made while looking forward to some of the opportunities the global meltdown has opened up for them, particularly outside Canada.

Royal Bank CEO Gordon Nixon said he saw "significant opportunities" for acquisitions in the next few years amid further restructuring in the financial-services sector, but said the bank would proceed with caution.

A Scotia Capital research report yesterday noted Canadian banks had reported "stellar third-quarter earnings, better than street estimates," and the third straight quarter of outperforming expectations. Last month for example, Royal, the country's largest bank, reported record quarterly profit of $1.56 billion.

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Banks beat expectations

- The five biggest banks — Royal, CIBC, TD, Scotiabank and Bank of Montreal — earned a combined total of $4.4 billion in third quarter profits. That was $500 million higher than the $3.9 billion a year earlier, a sign Canadian banks are weathering the recession better than most.

Harry Winston to cancel diamond mine shutdown

MINING Harry Winston Diamond Corp. says a winter shutdown at the Diavik mine in Canada's North won't be necessary after all.

The shutdown had been scheduled in response to the global economic recession that began about a year ago due to a crisis in the U.S. financial sector.

The six-week shutdown at the diamond mine in Northwest Territories had been scheduled to begin Dec. 1 but market conditions have improved.

Harry Winston said yesterday that production of rough diamonds at Diavik have returned to pre-shutdown levels after a summer shutdown that ended Aug. 24. About 600 workers were affected by Diavik's summer shutdown.

The Toronto-based diamond miner and retailer has a 40 per cent ownership stake in Diavik.

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Business in brief

NORTEL The U.S. judge presiding over the Nortel Networks bankruptcy has ruled against an objection by Verizon to the sale of Nortel's Enterprise Solutions unit. Avaya Inc. has agreed to buy the unit for $900 million US. Verizon, a major user of Nortel products and services, said Avaya's refusal to assume contracts could leave the systems of Verizon business customers at risk.

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Bills corner not pressing charges

Buffalo Bills cornerback Leodis McKelvin is refusing to press charges against two 16-year-olds, who said they were the ones who spray-painted a message and an obscenity across the grass in front of the player's home shortly after the Bills' season-opening 25-24 loss at New England Monday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Cowboys eye record

The new Cowboys Stadium may set an attendance record Sunday. A Cowboys spokesman says the team's standing-room tickets have sold out. The Cowboys will say only that the standing-room total exceeds 20,000 fans. Combined with regular ticket sales in the 80,000-seat stadium, Dallas could challenge the NFL attendance record of 103,467, set Oct. 2, 2005, at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Glendale council backs NHL bid

COYOTES It appears more likely than ever that the Deserted Dogs will remain in Phoenix as Jim Balsillie's hopes of bringing the NHL team north to Hamilton continue to fade.

Balsillie has offered $242.5 million (all figures U.S.) for the bankrupt Coyotes, the Canadian billionaire bumping his offer up by $50 million at last week's auction with the extra money meant to soothe the pain of breaking the lease with the City of Glendale, the Phoenix suburb the Coyotes call home.

But that earmarked money has fallen on deaf ears. Glendale's city council voted down the cash and filed a document in bankruptcy court outlining its support for a competing bid from the NHL.

Council would not even allow Coyotes' owner Jerry Moyes to make an impassioned plea in support of the Balsillie bid on Tuesday. He got in only a few words before being asked to leave.

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Decision

- Bankruptcy Judge Redfield T. Baum is expected to rule on whether the NHL or Balsillie will become the Coyotes owner sometime in the next two weeks.

Godzilla stomps on Blue Jays

MLB RESULT

Toronto 4 N.Y. Yankees 5

BASEBALL Hideki (Godzilla) Matsui hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth inning off Scott Downs, Francisco Cervelli hit a winning single in the ninth and New York beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 last night.

New York was held to four hits through seven innings, then tied it on Matsui's 25th homer.

Brett Gardner singled off Jason Frasor (6-3) leading off the ninth, stole second, took third on a grounder and scored on a Cervelli single to left.

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Truculence aplenty

Five fights in Maple Leafs pre-season opener

NHL RESULT

Boston 3 Toronto 2

These certainly look like Brian Burke's Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Leafs demonstrated all kinds of the truculence their general manager is so fond of during a 3-2 loss to the Boston Bruins in their pre-season opener last night.

Former Maple Leaf Andy Wozniewski spoiled the party by scoring the winner for a Bruins team that won its second straight exhibition game. He beat Joey MacDonald high at 7:02 of the third period.

Steve Begin and Brad Marchand also had goals for Boston while Tyler Bozak and Viktor Stalberg replied for the Leafs.

The Leafs kicked off a hectic pre-season schedule that will see them play nine times in 12 days and dressed 10 players that have been acquired since Burke took over as general manager last November.

A couple made their presence felt early as Garnet Exelby and Colton Orr each came out hitting on their first shift wearing a Leafs uniform. Shortly after, Andre Deveaux dropped the gloves with Begin — one of five fights on the evening.

Toronto was at its best during a spirited first period that was not only punctuated by hits and fights, but also Bozak's highlight-reel goal. The highly-coveted college free agent was on a solo short-handed rush when he turned Bruins defenceman Matt Hunwick inside out and beat Dany Sabourin high at 13:38.

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Free

- Announced attendance was 16,872 — and the tickets were given away free.

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Maple Leafs Jason Allison and Jiri Tlusty look for a rebound in front of Boston Bruins goalie Dany Sabourin last night at the Air Canada Centre.

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Sports in brief

COACHING Toronto Raptors head coach Jay Triano, the only Canadian head coach in the NBA, has teamed up with Campbell's and the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) to help launch the Chunky MVC: Most Valuable Coach contest. Through the program, individuals can nominate a coach that's made a difference in their lives at www.chunkymvc.ca. Six finalists will be chosen in January, and the public votes on the winner, who will receive $25,000 to go toward his or her athletes and community.

MLS Major League Soccer will take a two-week break during the group phase of the World Cup for the first time next summer. MLS announced yesterday that it will not play any games from June 11-25. The league also does not plan to schedule games on the days of the World Cup semifinal and final.

SOCCER Two days after his two-game ban was overturned, Eduardo da Silva scored Arsenal's winner in a 3-2 come-from-behind victory at Standard Liege in the Champions League yesterday, while defending champion Barcelona was held to a tame 0-0 draw by Inter Milan. Elsewhere it was: Dynamo Kiev 3 Rubin Kazan 0; Lyon 1 Fiorentina 0; Stuttgart 1 Rangers 1; Sevilla 2 Unirea 0; Olympiakos 1 AZ Alkmaar 0; and Liverpool 1 Debreceni 0.

SUSPENSIONS Yankees catcher Jorge Posada and Toronto pitcher Jesse Carlson were suspended for three games each and fined yesterday by Major League Baseball for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl. Yankees utilityman Shelley Duncan was suspended for three games and appealed.

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Renault won't fight crash allegations

Team principal, engineering director may face lifetime ban

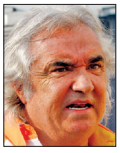
ADAM HAY-NICHOLLS
Metro World News

Renault has announced it will "not dispute" the allegations of race fixing when it appears before the World Motor Sport Council next week, and that team principal Flavio Briatore and director of engineering Pat Symonds have left the company.

The two men stand accused of conspiring with former driver Nelson Piquet Jr. to crash on purpose at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix, prompting a safety car period that helped promote teammate Fernando Alonso to victory.

In August, angry at being fired from Renault, Piquet drew his actions in Singapore to the attention of the sport's governing body, the FIA.

Renault threatened to sue Piquet and his family over "false allegations and a related attempt to blackmail the team" ahead of last week's Italian Grand Prix, but after Pat Symonds stonewalled an FIA investigation, and his statement was leaked to the press, the manufacturer was backed into a corner. By plea bargaining, it is likely Renault will escape harsh sentencing despite the fact that the actions of three of its employees put lives at risk and has damaged the sport's credibility.


Flavio Briatore

Piquet has been offered immunity, but Briatore and Symonds — who is one of the most respected engineers in F1 — may face a lifetime ban from international motor sport.

In addition, Briatore, a colourful entrepreneur who has had relationships with Naomi Campbell and Heidi Klum, may face further humiliation. Briatore is part owner of football club Queens Park Rangers and may fall foul of the British Football League's "Fit and Proper Person's Test," which rules no one can be a director of a club if they are "subject to a ban from a sport's governing body."

Pro surfing tournament comes to Canada

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

TOFINO Canada's first professional surfing competition will hit the waters off Vancouver Island next month.

The Cold Water Classic Canada, which runs Oct. 25-31, will bring more than 100 professional surfers to Tofino, as well as spectators and about 50 media.

"It solidifies our tagline of being the Surfing Capital of Canada," said Lynda Kaye, a spokeswoman for Tourism Tofino.

"If (the water) is anything like I'm looking at right now, pro surfers are going to be happy," said Kaye, whose Tofino office overlooks the ocean.

"(The surf) is not steamer lane, Santa Cruz big, it's not huge, rip curl, Hawaii big, but there are surfers in our water every day of the year."

Temperatures, she added, are consistent with other surfing places in the Pacific Northwest at about 10 C.

The contest is the first professional surfing competition sponsored by the Association of Surfing professionals to be held in Canadian waters.

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Noah Cohen, pro surfer and O'Neill Cold Water Classic Canada ambassador, busts an inverted air off the coast of his hometown of Tofino, B.C.

It is the fourth in a series of five events held in locales such as Scotland and Tasmania, and is part of a World Qualifying Series that carries a total purse of $145,000.

"We expect the town to be a hubbub of activity," said Kaye, adding that the Olympic torch relay visits Tofino on Nov. 1, the day after the surfing competition ends.

"For a town that basically takes a break after the summer, we're going to be on fire into the first part of fall."

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Man about town

Actor Clive Owen was at the InStyle and HFPA Toronto International Film Festival party at the Courtyard Cafe on Tuesday night. For more pics of celebrities spotted around town, turn to page 21.

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T.O. 'birthplace of my films'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Filmmaker Jason Reitman has had his share of red carpets. Just this TIFF alone, the writer, director and producer has strutted for the premieres of three movies — and he's had enough.

"Red carpet questions are all pretty silly," said the Canadian filmmaker during a recent interview. "(They're) always like, 'Tell me about the pranks on set.' It's just goofy."

In Toronto to support his latest film Up in the Air, Reitman has also been a man about TIFF, having produced the camp horror entry, Jennifer's Body, and Atom Egoyan's infidelity drama Chloe.

Still, as much as the red carpet scene has worn down the acclaimed director, Reitman insists he looks forward to his homeland's festival — one that even helped launch his earlier movies, Juno and Thank You For Smoking.

"As I'm writing, directing and everything, there's nothing more that I look forward to than coming to this festival and showing my films," said Reitman. "I consider this place to be the — honest to God — birthplace of my movies and I know the audience here ... I think about what's going to make them laugh, what's going to move them, and when I finally get here, it's just really exciting."

What has been exciting TIFF filmgoers, however, is Reitman's Up in the Air, and most notably its lead actor George Clooney, who stars as a corporate downsizing expert who must face the downsizing of his own business.

"I was writing with him in mind," admitted Reitman. "He gets 10 scripts a day, so for him to say yes, it's a nice compliment."

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George Clooney, left, and Jason Reitman were at the Sutton Place Hotel on Saturday to discuss their film, Up in the Air.

But the congeniality didn't end there. As Reitman soon found out, having a humble A-list star like Clooney on set also brought another layer to Up in the Air that the young filmmaker may not have anticipated.

"He's just a good guy and he tries to make you comfortable. A lot of movie stars bring a heightened sense of urgency," said Reitman. "His nature is to make everyone as friendly as possible."

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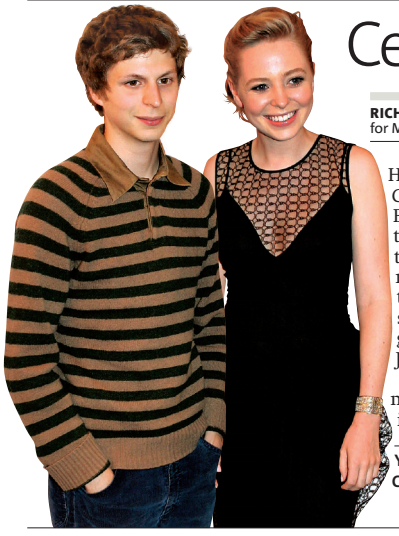
Jason Reitman and his wife Michele Lee arrive on the red carpet for the screening of his film, Up in the Air, on Saturday.



Cera hopes Revolt will be inspiring

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Hoodie heartthrob Michael Cera doesn't know who Jack Benny is. When I mention that Cera's style puts me in the mind of Benny's trademarked deadpan comedy the Brampton-born actor says, politely, "I've never gotten too familiar with Jack Benny."

After a description of Benny's low-key approach to selling a joke, Cera chimes in, "That's such a secret in comedy. Charles Grodin is such an inspiration to me because he is so small, and yet you see everything he does. It's really perfect and just enough."

Youth in Revolt stars Michael Cera and Portia Doubleday.

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In Youth in Revolt, his third TIFF film (he was here with Juno in '07, and with Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist in '08), Cera again displays his knack for subtle, gentle humour. He plays an anachronistic Sinatra-loving teenager who falls for the anachronistic Belmondo-loving girl who lives next door. When circumstance steps in to keep them apart, he changes his life to be with her.

For Cera the movie is a passion project.

"I just love the book," he says. "It's very cinematic and I thought the humour of the book would work very well on screen. That was the thought behind the movie; to capture the humour on screen. You can't tell the whole story of the book because it is so huge, but the book exists for that reason. The book is its own enjoyment."

His character, Nick Twisp, appealed to Cera because it had a ring of authenticity often missing from teen comedies.

"The character was real," he said. "C.D. Payne wrote it really personally. It felt like he wrote it in his own voice. He wasn't trying to write like a 14-year-old kid. He didn't add in any false naiveté or didn't try and sound less intelligent; he was just writing and it was personal. I think that's why people connect to things; when they feel personal."

A scene from Youth in Revolt.

Cera hopes audiences will connect with Youth in Revolt. "I hope maybe people will feel inspired," he says. "That would be the best-case scenario ... That's a hard thing to accomplish but it is special when it happens."

Houston, we have an update.

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Around town

Actor Colin Firth, left, and director Tom Ford were at the press conference for A Single Man at the Four Seasons Hotel Tuesday.
RIGHT: Actress Julie Christie was at the Glorious 39 press conference at the Four Seasons Hotel yesterday.
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Singer Eve was at the InStyle and HFPA party at the Courtyard Cafe Tuesday.

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Baaria actress Margareth Madè arrives for the screening of her film on Tuesday.

Winona prefers art of film over showbiz

InFocus
Richard Crouse

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It's easy to forget that Winona Ryder has had an interesting career.

Nominated for two Oscars before her twenty-third birthday, she was an "it girl" with a collection of big hits under her belt like Heathers and Mermaids and a laundry list of A-list directors hankering to work with her. Her waifish good looks and habit of dating hot stars with names like Johnny and Matt made her a tabloid regular — but that was some time ago. Before Dec. 12, 2001, she seemed to be destined to become the next Julia or Meg, but career ambivalence — "For a long time I was almost ashamed of being an actress," she says — and a run-in with the law slowed her momentum.

The fallout from her arrest and a four-year hiatus may have dimmed her star, but that doesn't mean she hasn't been doing interesting work, including a supporting role in the TIFF entry The Secret Lives of Pippa Lee. She's not the box office draw she was, but that doesn't bother the actress, who turns 38 next month.

"Pretty Woman turned (Julia Roberts) into an overnight celebrity rather than an actress," Ryder said, "Now her whole career is about box-office. It's not a burden I'd ever want to carry."

Winona Ryder.
CARLOS ALVAREZ /GETTY IMAGES

That's lucky for Ryder, because other than this year's Star Trek, her movies haven't ignited the box office — but there are some good rentals in her recent work.

In The Darwin Awards, she's an insurance claims investigator scrutinizing the deaths of people who die while doing ridiculous things. The movie has been called a "celebration of eccentricity" — film critic speak for "quirky" — and contains witty dialogue and dark humour.

Death is the subject of another unjustly ignored Ryder film. In The Last Word, she falls for a man who makes a living writing suicide notes. This one plays like a rom-com Harold and Maude, and sits nicely alongside the noir comedy of her earlier films like Beetlejuice and Edward Scissorhands.

The final entry in our Ryder triple bill is The Ten, a portmanteau comprised of stories, each inspired by one of the Ten Commandments. Ryder plays a newlywed who finds sexual liberation with a ventriloquist dummy.

Choices like these guarantee she won't have Meryl or Angelina looking over their shapely shoulders, but they are good movies and deserve to be seen.

"Focus should be on the art of film," she says, "not on the business of film."

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They say looking good is the best revenge, and if the body-hugging black mini-dress Robin Wright Penn wore to The Private Lives of Pippa Lee premiere at Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall on Tuesday is any indication, newly single Robin has certainly given soon-to-be ex-husband Sean Penn a lot of think about.

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A scene from the film Police, Adjective, which screens today at the AMC Yonge-Dundas theatre.

Police, Adjective

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REVIEW The directors of Romania's so-called New Wave have all dealt in some way with the dark legacy of Nicolae Ceausescu.

Corneliu Porumboiu's Cannes-feted policier manifests a particularly sophisticated analysis, using its ostensible genre-film trappings — an undercover cop closes in on a teenaged hashish dealer — to critique the country's totalitarian hangover.

There have been plenty of films about cops suffering crises of conscience, but Police, Adjective may be the first in which the protagonist is forced to define exactly what "conscience" means.

The three-men-and-a-dictionary climax is simply brilliant: Never has the study of etymology been so mesmerizing.

Adam Nayman/Metro Canada

The Damned United

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REVIEW You don't have to be a soccer fan to groove on The Damned United.

Director Tom Hooper's lively, somewhat fictionalized portrait of legendary manager Brian Clough's 44-day mismanagement of Leeds United in 1974 is visually engaging, sharply written and occasionally downright hilarious.

Michael Sheen (Frost vs. Nixon) is brilliant as the cocky, rebellious Clough, as is the great Timothy Spall as his right-hand man, Peter Taylor.

Forget I Love You, Man: Outside of the intrigue and on-field football action, The Damned United is ultimately the best "bromance" movie of the year.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Mother

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REVIEW Korean director Bong Joon-ho (The Host) is peerless when it comes to switching between tones, and Mother registers as another marvellous balancing act.

This story of a 65-year-old woman (Kim Hye-ja) trying to protect her mentally disabled son (Won Bin) after he's accused of murder is at once a probing treatise on maternal devotion, a tense police procedural and a pitch-dark comedy.

Bong is a cynic with a poet's eye: Mother features the most unsettlingly precise colour scheme since Eyes Wide Shut.

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Micmacs

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REVIEW Amelie director Jean-Pierre Jeunet returns with a movie that combines his patented whimsy with a satirical treatment of the international arms trade. France's slapstick star Dany Boon stars as a videostore clerk who gets a non-fatal bullet in the brain during an arms deal gone wrong, and decides to take down the men responsible with a contortionist, a math prodigy, a human cannonball, and others. The gorgeously stylized film looks and plays like a live-action cartoon, keeping the dark subject matter from ever overwhelming the comedy. Sheer cinematic joy.

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[REC] 2

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REVIEW Taking place roughly 15 minutes after the events of the beloved Spanish zombie movie, [REC] 2 wastes no time getting to punch. The film is an unrelenting assault of terror that will cause pregnant women to deliver early and children to develop bed-wetting issues. A SWAT team heads into the infected building from the original [REC] only to learn that the zombies they'd planned to fight have mutated into demons. Shot entirely from the SWAT team's cameras, the supernatural events feel surprisingly real and the shocks don't let up until the disgusting finale.

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J'ai tué ma mère (I Killed My Mother)

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REVIEW There's a lot of buzz around J'ai tué ma mère (I Killed My Mother), and why not?

Its writer-director-star, Xavier Dolan, was all of 19 when he submitted it to Cannes.

Dolan stars as a Montreal teen whose relationship with his mother (the superb Ann Dorval) redefines "troubled" — the young hyphenate a natural in front of the camera and a little over-excited behind it.

There are some great stand-alone scenes here, but for all of its raw emotion and stylistic brio, the film never quite coheres.

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Phantom Pain (Phantomschmerz) (Gala Presentation) 6:30 PM
Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (Gala Presentation) 9:30 PM

VISA SCREENING ROOM
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre, 189 Yonge St..

Tanner Hall 11 AM
Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans 2:30 PM
The Waiting City 6 PM
London River 9 PM

AMC YONGE-DUNDAS
10 Dundas St. E., 4th floor

Samson & Delilah 2 PM
Shirley Adams 2 PM
George Ryga's Hungry Hills 2:15 PM
Police, Adjective (Politist, Adjective) 2:30 PM
Waking Sleeping Beauty 3 PM
My Tehran for Sale 3:30 PM
Green Days (Ruzhaye Sabz) 4:45 PM
Help Gone Mad (Sumashedshaya Pomosh) 5 PM
Passenger Side followed by On a Lonely Drive 5:15 PM
Lourdes 5:30 PM
Honeymoons 6 PM
Reel Injun followed by Found

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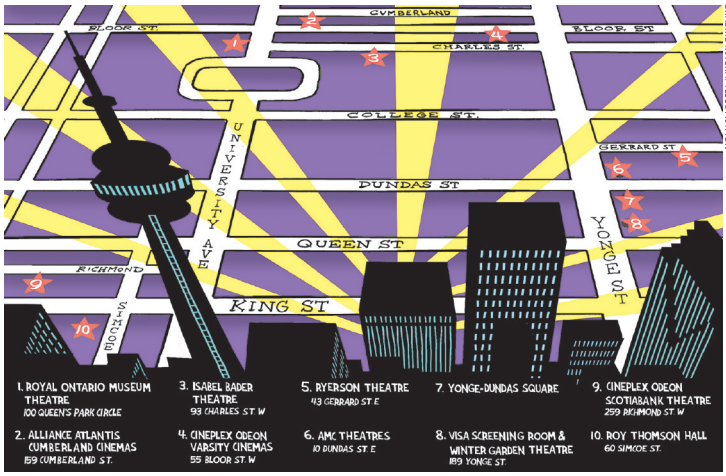

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6:15 PM
Bassidji 6:30 PM
Cleanflix 7:45 PM
A Single Man 8 PM
Air Doll (Kuki Ningyo) 8:15 PM
Spring Fever (Chun Feng Chen Zui De Ye Wan) 8:30 PM
Love and Other Impossible Pursuits 9 PM

RYERSON THEATRE
Ryerson University, 43 Gerrard St. E.

Micmacs (Micmacs à tire-larigot) 12 PM
White Material 3 PM
Les Derniers jours du monde (Happy End) 6 PM
Excited 9:30 PM
Symbol (Shinboru) 11:59 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St. W.

The Damned United 9 AM
Ajami 9:15 PM
The Traveller (Al Mosafer) 9:30 AM
High Life 9:45 AM
The Private Lives of Pippa Lee 11:45 AM
Bare Essence of Life 12:15 PM
[REC] 2 12:30 PM
Kamui (Kamui Gaiden) 12:45 PM
La Donation (The Legacy) 3 PM
Solomon Kane 3:15 PM
Vengeance 3:30 PM
J'ai tué ma mère (I Killed My Mother) 3:45 PM
The Search 5:45 PM
Prince of Tears 6 PM
Deliver Us from Evil (Fri os fra det onde) 6:30 PM
Jean Charles 6:45 PM
Face (Visage) 8:45 PM
The Unloved 9:15 PM
La Pivellina 9:30 PM

ISABEL BADER THEATRE
University of Toronto, Victoria College 93 Charles St. W.

I, Don Giovanni (Io, Don Giovanni) 4:45 PM
Eccentricities of a Blond Hair Girl followed by Working on the Douro River 7:45 PM
Heliopolis 10:15 PM

JACKMAN HALL
Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W.

Hiroshima 4 PM
Sook-Yin Lee introduces Sweetie 6:30 PM
Should I Really Do It? (Bunu Gerçekten Yapmali Miyim?) 10 PM

VARSITY
Manulife Centre 55 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor

Jaffa (Kalat Hayam) 12:15 PM
Mother 2 PM
Crackie followed by Vive la Rose 2:30 PM
A Brand New Life (Ye Haeng Ja) 3 PM
Bena 3:45 PM
The Wind Journeys (Los Viajes del viento) 4 PM
Carmel 5:15 PM
My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done 5:30 PM
Adrift (Choi Voi) 5:45 PM
The Loved Ones 6:30 PM
Independencia 7 PM
Life According to Agfa (Ha'Chayim Al-Pi Agfa) 7 PM
Saint Louis Blues followed by Nora 7:15 PM
Videocracy 8 PM
Jennifer's Body 8:30 PM
To Die Like a Man (Morrer como um homem) 8:45 PM
Carcasses 9 PM
A History of Israeli Cinema Part 2 (Historia Shel Hakolnoah Israeli) 9:30 PM
The Happiest Girl in the World (Cea mai fericita fata din lume) 10 PM

WINTER GARDEN THEATRE
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre, 189 Yonge St.

Le Refuge (The Refuge) 4 PM
Baaria (Baarìa) 8:30 PM

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It 3 PM
BAND 8 PM

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The British homecoming

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After seven years in New York, designer Matthew Williamson goes back to London

Matthew Williamson is concerned about the weather. He's been standing outside on a boat in the rain, having his pictures taken for a magazine photo shoot for most of the day. And despite being English, he doesn't really *do* rain. This is the man, after all, who is known for his glossy, red carpet-worthy dresses in rich colours such as fuchsia, turquoise and Yves Klein blue — not to mention his bright and bold collection for H&M.

He explains: "I live and work in London but I'm never here so I'm often getting ideas outside of London. I like to be in places where the sun is out and you dress according to the climate." Think destinations like Africa, India, Bali and Mexico.

Instead he's in his sprawling work studio in Mayfair London on a cloudy day. The weather

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the look

- *thandie newton dressed in williamson (left)*
- *a look from the fall '09 show (right)*

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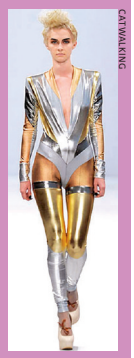

CATWALKING

Dame Westwood's edgy, quintessentially British work (near right) has made her an icon. Still, the punk rock queen is a stickler for traditional tailoring.

Known for her catsuits (above right) and colours, Pam Hogg is another great British anti-establishment hero. This year has already seen her inducted into the Scottish Hall of Fame.

paul smith & mulberry
the traditionalists

CATWALKING

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Paul Smith, a LFW institution, has come a long way since opening a small shop in the 1970s. His designs (near right) still possess an unmistakable boyish charm and humour, though, which gives his clothes an unwavering popularity.

Emma Hill, who has worked for Gap and Marc Jacobs, has smartly reworked the brand's womenswear (above right) to great applause from the public and critics alike.

burberry & christopher kane
the trendsetters

MAURIZIO MAULE

CATWALKING

Everyone desires, envies or owns a piece of Burberry (near right) and with good reason. Christopher Bailey has managed to remove the footballer's wives stigma of the classic Burberry check, and give this luxe brand the respect it deserves.

The relatively new designer Kane's work (above right), which counts Kate Moss and Chloe Sevigny as fans, reveals an otherworldly beauty, through detail and embellishment.

RICHARD PECKETT

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matthew williamson

outside has dried up. And he's hoping it remains that way later when he makes his rounds about town, first at an exhibition opening and second at an outdoor screening of the Pedro Almodovar movie, Broken Embraces. "I am just knackered," he says.

He's been spending the hours prior to our chat working on his spring collection, which will show during London Fashion Week this month. He's returning to his home country after showing his collections for seven years in New York. The move is a high-profile coup for the British Fashion Council, which has been inviting homegrown designers who had defected to New York, Milan and Paris to return for London Fashion Week's 25th anniversary. After a talent drain (and a shortened show schedule) this season could finally put London's often overlooked Fashion Week back on the map.

"You know, we've shown in New York for a few years now and we went there to try to attract a larger global following. This year we had a great showing there and we did the H&M launch in New York in addition to opening a store there. After so much activity, it felt like it was time to come back to London for spring 2010," he adds.

"Today was day one of the creative process, so you got here at a good time," he says with a smile. "This room was covered in photos and research before you got here," he adds.

> *"I imagine that if you're ... challenging the way women dress, what I do is probably quite uncomfortable to look at because my clothes are about celebrating beauty."*

"I have four designers on my team including myself and we all spend a few weeks researching. That could mean, one girl goes to New York to do vintage research and go to galleries exhibitions, while another, who does print and weave, is here doing research in that area," he explains.

They all meet back up in his studio and spread their findings on the floor.

"We whittle it all down to a mood board and build an idea of a girl who we want to express for that season," he adds.

Contrary to popular belief, that girl is not always a "tall, leggy blonde who vacations in Ibiza," he says.

The idea of being pigeonholed makes Williamson balk.

"I think the media has probably portrayed my client as this bohemian girl who likes to travel and there is obviously those sorts of boxes to tick. But when I go to my shop around the corner, I see all types of women from the young girl to the 60-year-old woman. We've definitely got more of a global client at the moment," he says.

The 36-year-old prides himself on making pretty, wearable womenswear that sells, rather than heady work that is at the forefront of fashion.

"I've established a look that I'm comfortable with and while it needs to evolve there also needs to be a consistency," he admits.

"It's not on that weird edge of fashion; it's not about reinventing the wheel. I imagine that if you're in the depths of fashion and innovation and challenging the way women dress, what I do is probably quite uncomfortable to look at because my clothes are about celebrating beauty," he admits. A negative review after a show won't break him. Instead, he's aiming to please the shopper.

"My work is commercial. I want it to sell. We're trying to get new clients to buy the collection, but there's also a fan base that wants to come back for more of the same. I think the most clever thing of all is to sort of accept what you're good at and really expand on that," he explains.

If all goes to plan,Williamson can add men to his long list of customers. He'd like to eventually expand into home interiors and menswear.

"I'm always in growth mode. I feel like you have to be," he says. His statement makes a striking contrast to the year's seemingly endless press releases announcing one fashion house's cutbacks after another. Listening to him speak almost gives the impression that the recession is not casting a cloud over Williamson's world.

"You have to think ahead and think bigger."

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FRONT ROW LONDON

London is possibly the only fashion city where it's acceptable to drink beer around exorbitantly expensive dresses and rock last night's makeup to the next day's shows.

daisy lowe

What makes her front row worthy: She's a model/It girl who moonlights as a DJ.
Where she's been spotted: Topshop Unique, PPQ, Charles Anastase

sienna miller

What makes her front row worthy: She's a Hollywood actress and tabloid magnet. Plus, she has real fashion cred thanks to the label, Twenty8Twelve, that she designs with her sister Savannah.
Where she's been spotted: Vivienne Westwood, Twenty8Twelve

emma watson

What makes her front row worthy: The fashion industry's biggest names have fallen under the spell of the fresh-faced beauty who swapped her Hogwarts cape for a Burberry trench.
Where she's been spotted: Giles, Christopher Kane, Vivienne Westwood

kate moss

What makes her front row worthy: Outside of her status as an original supermodel and her new role as fashion mogul, she's arguably the fashion world's best dressed woman.
Where she's been spotted: Topshop Unique, Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney

beth ditto

What makes her front row worthy: The Gossip lead singer managed to defy the fashion industry's skinny rule when stylist Katie Grand made her the nude cover girl of Love.
Where she's been spotted: Vivienne Westwood, House of Blue Eyes, Bora Aksu

mischa barton

What makes her front row worthy: The on-again-off-again actress loves a fashion show or party. That makes her popular with the brands that are looking to fill their seats with celebrity types.
Where she's been spotted: Temperley, Vivienne Westwood, Giles

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london cool

Maybe it's because of all the grey weather, but the U.K. kids love colour and bold graphic prints. Whether worn as a strategic pop to a monochromatic look or piled on magpie-style, it's all about grabbing the eye here.

KENYA HUNT

Christopher Kane t-shirt, $440, netaporter.com
Kane's very cool screaming monkey has become a symbol of sorts this season. It says, "I scoff in the face of all things commercial," which is very London.

Cooperative Designs skirt, $481.45 brownsfashion.com
Pair this trippy skirt with a slouchy tee and brogues that are comfy enough for trekking the shows in.

Church's brogues, $440 netaporter.com
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What the locals say...

London Fashion Week is celebrating its 25th anniversary. We got everyday Londoners to stop and reflect. Cheers.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS AND RICHARD PECKETT

anna deagnoi, 23

Occupation: Fashion design student
Her favourite British designer: *"Luella Bartley. Her colours, designs and materials are all amazing."*
British style vs. Italian: *"British people have a much simpler style that is easier to wear and more affordable. Italians are more interested in designer labels, and even their vintage clothing is elitist. I think British people are happier to mix high street and designer labels."*

abigail player, 25

Occupation: PR account manager
London style vs. New York: *"I find New York style to be a bit intimidating. New Yorkers seem clean cut and I associate them with brands like Louis Vuitton. Whereas London embraces all kinds of styles."*
If she could crash any LFW show she'd choose: *"I'd go to the Fashion Fringe. It showcases all of these new emerging designers and I'm a big supporter of that."*

aru chin, 28

Occupation: Sales assistant
His favourite British designer: *"Gareth Pugh because he's cool, skinny and quirky. He's the whole deal. I love the whole skinny look with the skin tight and clingy clothes."*
British style vs. French: *"Britain is really multicultural, so I think it has a lot of different fashion influences that you don't see in France."*

rita sanders, 20

Occupation: Model
Her favourite British designer: *"It's not one designer, but I love Topshop. I can see myself wearing everything in there. Every time I wear it, I feel like I'm in some way honouring the British flag."*
If she could crash one LFW show she'd choose: *"I'd love to go to a Burberry show. I did a fitting with them once and their clothes were so perfect, in terms of the fit and the design. It's a statement about the classic, yet cool side of London fashion."*

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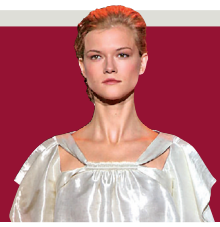

The slash dress

With all its slashed material and bandaged dresses, New York Fashion Week could be mistaken for a haute hospital ward. The banded look was everywhere — at Herve Leger, of course, where it is the signature item — but also at Carolina Herrera (left) on Monday, Alexander Wang, Lela Rose, Nicole Miller and in Victoria Beckham's new collection. The look is formfitting, but surprisingly forgiving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Black is back for spring

At NY Fashion Week coveted brands went dark, but not gloomy

Fashion for spring is back in black. Black never went anywhere, of course — it's a perennial favourite with the crowd at New York Fashion Week. But for spring collections, the look wasn't terribly sunny.

The nod to the spring/summer season was to offset the black with white and shades of nude, blush and stone, all part of the overall muted look that has dominated at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

Yet the black wasn't severe, especially rendered in featherweight fabrics in sheer organza, tulle and black lace. A wave of black swept the runways of Rodarte, Vera Wang and Jill Stuart on Tuesday.

Vera Wang

In her stark white SoHo store, Wang presented sophisticated styles that she said were influenced by the late Paul Poiret, who left an indelible stamp on fashion in the early 20th century. He gave women the freedom to wear looser chemise shapes, and Wang picked up on that: There wasn't a corset style in sight.

She mostly went for sultry instead of overtly sexy with layers of smoky-colored tulle, sheer black organza and artful, not flashy, embellished jewel details. Metallic pieces were a bit stiff, standing away from the body, while the bike shorts underneath the see-through styles hugged it.

Everything has been formfitting in the spring collections

Rodarte

The ravens rose at Rodarte. With a smoke-filled runway beneath them, models wore outfits resembling the contradictory symbol of darkness and survival.

Even with tiny asphalt pebbles on the ground, haunting music and the smoke, all the drama really came from the clothes. Every garment seemed a cobweb of leather, yarn, ribbons, lace and cheesecloth. When stripped down without all the effect, some of the major trends of Fashion Week where here: draping, banding and lattice-like leather, among them.

Betsey Johnson

Designer Betsey Johnson's signature item is the party dress, so on Thursday evening she threw herself a party at the Plaza Hotel.

There was no runway for her spring collection, just pretty young things wearing upbeat, youthful clothes while dancing and singing to Blondie cover songs by the live band Ida Maria.

The models, up on a stage, were just a backdrop to Johnson, who hammed it up for cameras. Oh yeah, they were wearing strapless dresses in candy colours, a black sequin cocktail frock with a frilly skirt, a blue metallic skirt suit and some lingerie-inspired styles.

Gottex

Gottex presented a new interpretation of swimwear, with sequined one-pieces, plastic-looking bikinis and wide belts wrapped around the waist like the suits were superhero costumes.

There weren't too many "wearable" suits, unless you don't mind an off-the-shoulder bikini top with sleeves.

But perhaps what was most stunning were the coverups that were like elegant caftans; a red abstract print with drapey sleeves touched the runway, flowing behind the model as she walked.

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VERA WANG

BETSEY JOHNSON

Though black was a dominant colour on New York Fashion Week runways, it was offset with various shades and rendered in featherweight fabrics.

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Metal, Expression ($40, at the buy)

TROMPE L'OEIL T-SHIRT
Cotton, Jacob ($38, jacob.com)

BAROQUE FLORALS
Cotton shirt, RW&CO ($60, rw-co.com)

ZIPPED BOOTIES
Faux leather, Spring ($70, myspring shoes.com)

SHAPE SHIFTER

Muffin tops, uni-boob and other fashion casualties caused by wearing too-tight body-slimming garments are jettisoned with Yummie Tummie, shapewear that merges style with function. Jennifer Lopez swore by the cotton tops and body-con dresses with strategically placed spandex-polyester panels to slim her post-baby silhouette. The latest offering includes the Sweetie top and the basic tank in new fall shades that can be worn alone to the gym or layered under your boyfriend blazer.

A HIT OF RED

Crimson accents pack a pretty punch

Parallele pierced earrings, Swarovski ($140, swarovski.com)

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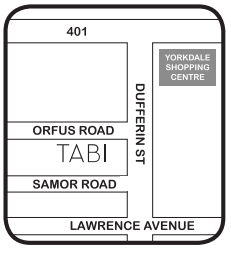

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Mimi Ng, vice-president of marketing at Savvy developer Menkes, says from day one the goal with Savvy townhomes and suites has always been to offer uncompromising design not bogged down by fleeting trends.

"It's a very clean, modern, sophisticated look. It's meant to look timeless and classic," Ng said.

While buyers can have their choice of finishes, the model kitchen shows off a modern look that avoids overstating its modernity, as dark cappuccino coloured cabinetry melds with the sheen of stainless steel appliances to suggest an understated elegance. It's a minimalist, unintrusive sense of style meant to stay relevant for the long term.

For condo amenities in a townhome, Savvy is the way to go.

"The colour palette and accessorizing is very clean and minimal. It's not something that's very trendy or faddish — it's something that that's going to age well," Ng said.

Savvy is a "Menkes Green" community, meaning all townhome units and condominium suites feature environmentally conscious details like dual-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads and faucets and double-glazed low-emissivity windows for superior energy efficiency and better insulation.

Amenities throughout the development include private dining, games and theatre rooms, an indoor pool, a landscaped patio with natural stone waterfall, bookable guest suites and a fitness centre complete with men's and women's saunas and change rooms. For townhome owners not accustomed to such luxuries, Savvy's additions of condo pleasures to townhome living is a definite plus.

"You're going to be able to have your own private retreat in the city and at the same time you'll have access to all the amenities and services that a condominium dweller would have access to. It's the best of both worlds," Ng said.

The first batch of Savvy townhomes went on sale in June and sold out virtually overnight.

"The market response was fantastic — it was a response to the location and convenience of Yonge and Sheppard. The location makes sense," Ng said.

The second townhome release is not available yet but will go on sale later this Fall, while condo suites are already available for purchase. Townhomes range from 1,720 to 2,500 square feet and are priced from $559,990. Condo suites run from 570 to 1,030 square feet and are priced from $274,990. For more details, check menkes.com

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Q I have been working with a realtor to assist me in selling my house. Perhaps I was being too optimistic but the home is not moving and there is very little interest in the property. I have dropped the offering price but it still isn't resulting in an increase in interest. I feel my real estate agent has not been behind me and I want to move to someone else I have met who assures me that they can sell my house. What are my rights and obligations?

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Trendspotting: Nailhead

If this upholstery detail conjures images of overstuffed leather furniture and gentlemen's studies, you may want to take another look. Nailhead is now gracing furniture that's shapely and feminine, exaggerating the curves of this season's romantic new releases.

Produced by Ann Marie Favot. Written by Brett Walther.
PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID BAGOSY

Jamie Drake for Edward Ferrell + Lewis Mittman Baroque bench from $3,495, through designers, Primavera, Toronto, 416-921-3334; primavera.ca.

Rand wing chairs from $1,619 each, Ethan Allen, ethanallen.com.

Venezia Queen headboard from $4,020, through designers, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, 800-535-3258; kravet-canada.com.

Oxford chair, right, $2,287 US, Hickory Chair, 800-349-4579; hickorychair.com.

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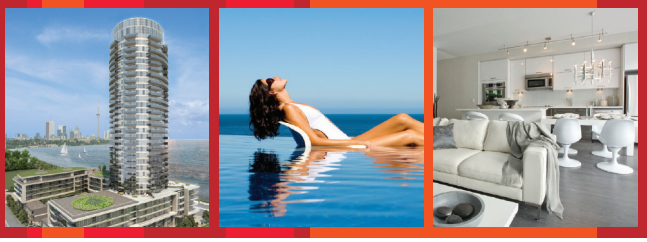

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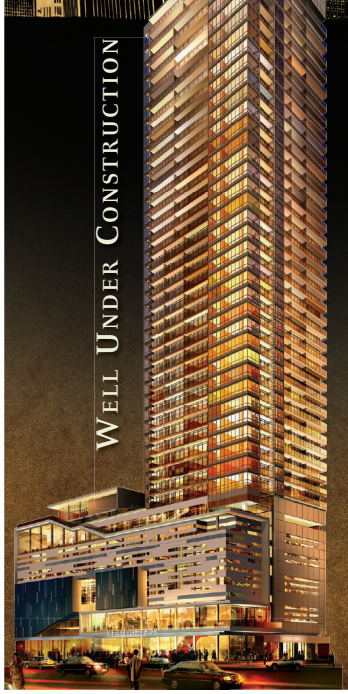

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Get your mitts on these **hot pots**

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

Simmering, boiling, sautéing, frying, stewing, steaming — day in and day out, your pots take a lot of heat. But not all cookware is created equal so when you're out looking for a new addition to your stovetop family, make sure your getting the right one for the job.

"Aluminum is light and heats quickly but is too thin for home cooking everyday," says Andrew Chase, food editor of Homemakers magazine. "Stainless steel won't rust and is non-reactive so it doesn't affect the colour or taste of the food. Cast iron retains heat the best but you need to season it regularly with vegetable oil — never wash it with soap!"

A good alternative is enameled cast iron, which distributes heat well and is easy to clean. Chase also recommends looking for cookware with comfortable handles that won't heat up quickly and well-fitting lids. He recently became a fan of glass lid because he can check to see if something's doing what it's suppose to be doing without losing any of the heat. And when it comes to pots, it's all about the heat!

1. This All-Clad stainless steel asparagus pot cooks each green stalk to perfection. Williams-Sonoma, $100, williams-sonoma.ca.
2. You'll want a six-burner stove just so you can use every piece at the same time. Calphalon Contemp Cookware, $799.99, Home Outfitters, homeoutfitters.com.
3. Sometimes to cook like a pro, you need the tools of a pro. Lagostina Commercial Pro 12-piece Cookset, $599.99, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.
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6. This small cast iron casserole is light, sturdy and economical. President's Choice Home, $79.99, home.pc.ca.
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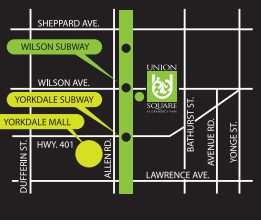

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These photos released by Wisteria shows a living room and bedroom.

Fall for yourself

Perhaps the biggest theme in home decorating going into fall is comfortable, real, personalized style.

"The perfect-home look is over," says Deborah Needleman, former editor-in-chief of Domino magazine. "It is so not of this moment. We're living in a freer time in terms of design and style. You can simultaneously love modern design, rustic pottery, some piece you picked up on the side of the street — all these things can live happily together in your home."

Where fashion goes, home decor is never far behind. And this fall, home retailers continue to take cues from decades past, such as '60s and '70s styles ranging from loose and relaxed to sophisticated and worldly.

Watch for country-style furniture; cottage print textiles; farm animal motifs; quilts as wall hangings and throws; folk art and faux general-store signage as wall art; flour-sack pillow covers; baskets and hooked rugs.

This isn't throwback decor, with armies of ducks marching across the kitchen wallpaper or plaid ribbons festooning every chair; the vibe is comfortable, yet contemporary. The floral prints are updated, and graphic prints are bold.

Wisteria has some striking game boards, unique replicas of old weather vanes and a variety of colourful quilts. Pottery Barn also stocks a quilt collection, as well as crewelwork pillows, galvanized steel serveware and cool repro signage.

If there's such a thing as American Boho, then its sister must be Global Boho: Russian folk prints, needlepointed rugs, Moorish motifs, hammered silver Thai vases, handcrafted pottery and exotic Asian furniture.

Textures are prominent this fall: faux reptile, suede and hammered tin. Crate&Barrel has several embroidered floral rugs and pillows worth considering, as well as slubby cotton curtains reminiscent of barkcloth. The '70s were also mad for all things Mexican; now we see beautiful Mexican-style ceramics showing up in stools and decorative items. In fact, ceramics of every sort are important; you'll notice lots of interesting craft in lampshades, vases and trays.

In the '60s we were hipsters, in the '70s we were disco fans. We'll see some of the groove and the glamour of these eras now and through the holidays, with metallics, glass and fur playing a role. Black and white furnishings stay strong, with shots of purple, sapphire, lime and chrome yellow. Look for clear Lucite tables, shag rugs, patent leather and steel furniture, and lots of white. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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If you ignore youre eavestroughs, you'll find yourself paying for all kinds of repairs later.

It's almost time to clean your gutters

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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I've been ignoring my eavestroughs for most of the summer, in spite of the nice man who came on several occasions and offered to clean them out.

But checking and cleaning out eavestroughs isn't usually high on anyone's agenda. Let's face it, eavestroughs are easy to ignore.

And that's precisely what I did.

Now there are little trees and other plants growing up there. And when it rains, the eavestroughs don't work as intended. How can they? They're full of crud.

If you're like me, you may need a little reminder that you're in for trouble if you continue to ignore your eavestroughs. Water blockages in your trough and leaking water, if left unattended, can eventually cause a world of pain for homeowners. Things like a damp or flooded basement, roof damage, rotted or ruined siding, cracked and prematurely peeling paint and failed mortar joints could result. You'll be kicking yourself (and you deserve to be kicked) if you find yourself shelling out your hard-earned cash for these completely preventable types of repairs.

Eavestroughs should be cleaned or checked twice a year, preferably in the fall and in the late spring. This is especially crucial if you have large trees.

To clean, drag out the ladder, dig out the heavy rubber gloves, a brush and a bucket, and scoop out all the twigs, old seeds, the odd tennis ball and dirt that accumulates. And don't forget to use your garden hose to run water down the eavestrough and into the downspout to check for partial or full obstructions such as leaf debris, a wasp nest (!), or an old bird's nest.

Then check for standing water in the trough, and determine whether it is sag or inadequate sloping that is causing the problem. If the problem is sag, you may want to adjust, reseat or add gutter hangers. If the slope is inadequate, adjust the slope of the eavestrough to increase its pitch.

As the water runs, check for leaking joints and holes. When dry, seal leaky joints with silicone rubber caulking both inside and outside the seam. Patch small holes in metal troughs with roofing cement. If you have larger holes, you may patch with a sheet metal patch and lots of roofing cement to "glue" the patch down and seal it.

Finally, do yourself a favour and make cleaning much easier by installing a gutter product into your eavestroughs to keep leaf and other debris out. Flexible mesh systems ($4.47 for a 20-foot roll at Home Depot) are better than nothing, but a rigid guard or foam system is superior.

- Rona and other hardware stores carry a system called Gutterguard, which is a rigid plastic "guard" that snaps into the edges of eavestroughs, allows water to flow through but blocks leaves and other debris from falling into the trough. It is available at Rona for $5.99 per 36-inch long piece of rigid metal mesh.
- RainTube (raintube.com) is a tube made of recycled milk bottles that fits into the eavestrough, which collects water through small passageways but keeps debris out. It is an American-based product installed by several Canadian companies, including Gutter Love It and Rain Flow Inc., of Toronto, H2O Gutter Flow in Gormley, Ont., and Eaves with no Leaves, in Calgary. Gutter Love It prices the installation per foot, at $6.75 if it's on the first floor, and $8.25 on the second floor.
- Check out the GutterFilter system (GutterFilterCanada.com) for this specially formulated foam that allows water to run through it. Order it online for $597 for 100 feet of foam cut to fit 4 or 5-inch K-style eavestrough.

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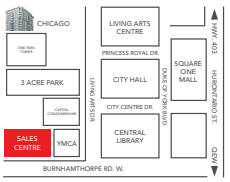

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The Bell Lightbox: Condos atop

There's a synergy so powerful at work at the corner of King and John streets, it could rightly be called movie magic.

With an iconic film palace built into its base and a 37-floor luxury residential tower sprouting above, the union of Bell Lightbox and Festival Tower is unlike any other condo development in the city.

As the future home of the Toronto International Film Festival Group (TIFFG), Bell Lightbox, which occupies the first five floors of the project, is more than a place to see and revere good movies — it's an enormous cultural investment in Toronto's artistic development for years to come.

"This is the largest new cultural project of its kind — no one has done a project of this ambition in this country," said Noah Cowan, artistic director of Bell Lightbox.

"No one has done a project of this ambition in this country."
Noah Cowan, artistic director

Bell Lightbox will house the Toronto International Film Festival once the project is complete next year and will continue to operate as a showcase for world cinema during the rest of the year. **CON'T NEXT PAGE>>**

An illustration of the red carpet rolled out in the Bell Lightbox.

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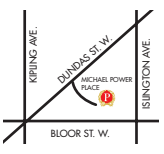

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The exterior of the Bell Lightbox.

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Once you've chosen the location and type of home that fits your needs, meet with a financial representative to determine a mortgage amount that you can afford. This ensures that you spend your time wisely on homes within your price range. **NEWS CANADA**

the new cultural centre of film

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The development is being made possible by Bell, the founding sponsor, and a generous helping of public and private money, including a recent pledge of $10 million by the Province of Ontario which Cowan calls a "hugely transformational gift."

Toronto's celebrated Reitman family, which includes acclaimed filmmaker and producer Ivan Reitman, partnered with the building's developer The Daniels Corporation to donate $22 million to the project as well.

Bell Lightbox features an expansive grand gallery, an open amphitheatre on its roof and five theatres totalling about 1,200 seats equipped with state-of-the-art movie technologies and built to elicit the movie magic of Hollywood's Golden Age.

"We really tried to balance this idea of capturing the magic of the grand movie palaces of old with all the new technological tools at our disposal," Cowan said.

Niall Haggart, executive vice president of The Daniels Corporation, says Festival Tower, which springs from above Bell Lightbox, was always cognizant of the cultural importance of the development and took great strides to ensure the union of condo and culture made sense.

"We understand that what we're doing here is going to have a footprint and an impact on Toronto for generations to come."
Niall Haggart, executive VP, The Daniels Corporation

"We understand that what we're doing here is going to have a footprint and an impact on Toronto for generations to come so every element of this building has been treated with the utmost care and attention to detail," Haggart said.

Festival Tower residents will enjoy a three-year membership to Bell Lightbox, preferred pricing and early access to shows, special passes to the TIFF every year, exclusive screenings and even a dedicated TV channel linked directly to Bell Lightbox events. Haggart notes that a large percentage of buyers have in fact identified themselves as movie buffs.

Cowan hopes residents of the condo will become Bell Lightbox's most enduring patrons and that the theatre's placement at the epicentre of the city's entertainment district will be a beacon for lovers of great cinema from Toronto and beyond.

"This is going to be one of the most significant showcases of global cinema in North America and we believe there's an enormous interest and hunger for culturally interesting filmmaking here," Cowan said.

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Part 2 - Technology and Décor

Denise Surette

Wires, cables and remote controls are a part of every modern home, sometimes taking over your living space. But should you have to sacrifice décor for technology?

This October 1 – 4, the Fall Home Show will be showcasing the latest in technology and design trends at *Tech Style with ConnectPro by Future Shop* including a Space Candy Lab where you can test the electronics and learn how to best integrate them into the home.

With the help of HGTV's Cheryl Torrenueva and ConnectPro Experts from Future Shop, you will discover how best to renovate your home into a bold, tech-savvy haven.

Torrenueva, from Colin & Justin's Home Heist, describes the modern "Space Candy Lab" look as eye candy for interiors.

"Just like when you see a great shoe in a store window, or a beautifully designed space," says Torrenueva, "you are visually stimulated, and I think it's important to indulge and treat yourself to these things."

Torrenueva says when decorating for a futuristic look, start simple with black and white then add bold accent colours in jewel tones, to make the room pop. During her Luxe for Less Workshops, Torrenueva will show you how to spend more for signature pieces, and save on basics.

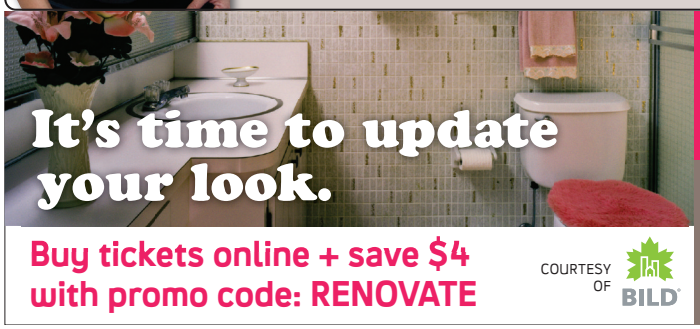
Shawn Felix, a ConnectPro expert from Future Shop's new in-home installation service, says having help setting up your home with the newest technologies not only helps you get the most out of your tech-toys, it helps keep the look of your home sleek and modern. ConnectPro will also be showing some of the latest in home theater technologies, such as LED televisions.

"The LED TVs draw minimal power, they're considered a green TV," says Felix, "and they're only three-quarters of an inch think."

If you're renovating, start thinking about designing your home with the latest technologies before you put on the finishing touches. Felix says this can save you time and money.

Tech Style at the Fall Home Show will have experts available to help you create the home theatre, kitchen and home office of your dreams, including what to expect from contractors, how to better understand your equipment and learn about the latest in technology and how to hide wires.

Don't miss the Fall Home Show ***HGTV Workshop Series*** *including Cheryl Torrenueva's,* ***Luxe Living for Less*** *workshop on Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. and on Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. And, Shawn Felix teaching* ***Wiring Your Home*** *on Oct 1 at 4 p.m., Oct. 2 at 1 p.m., Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. and on Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. The workshops are free, to reserve a seat go to* ***www.fallhomeshow.com***



A pre-approval also locks in the interest rate at the time.

Pre-approval: A license to shop

Any time a new purchaser comes my way, the first thing I advise them of is to get that pre-approval. Of course I'm happy to help along each step of the way, but the goal is to get that first and crucial step completed.

You might ask yourself why you would jump into a mortgage before finding the home you want, but it's important to understand that a pre-approval isn't jumping into a mortgage at all.

A pre-approval might be best defined as your license to go house shopping. In essence there's no sense in finding the home of your dreams if you're not already 110 per cent sure you can afford if comfortably. There's also no sense in spending your valuable time viewing homes that are not within your price range comfort zone. The worst thing that could happen is you realize that the homes you were looking at will stretch your wallet too thin, and then when you try moving down to the tier below, it's a decline you're not willing to make!

"It's important to understand that a pre-approval isn't jumping into a mortgage at all."

A pre-approval also locks in the interest rate at the time, for you, for a period of a few months. If you don't end up purchasing until three months into the future when rates have gone up, your pre-approval guarantees you that original, lower rate. If the rate goes down, your lender will simply give you the new low rate.

Another reason it's important to have your financing situation sorted out prior to going house hunting is so that you can take advantage of your readiness, should the opportunity to do so arise. In today's market the hottest properties often attract competing offers. On many occasions I've seen vendors accept lower offers because they aren't encumbered by a financing condition, giving the buyer an out, and making the offer less than firm. This in another way your pre-approval can save you a nice bundle of your hard earned money.

Most people have a budget which they've put together and verified for everything from vacations to the cars they buy. It only makes sense that a proper budget, or a pre-approval, be carried out adequately before beginning the single most important and largest purchase you are likely to make. Perhaps the most important reason to plan ahead, by sorting out your finances in advance, is not simply the money you can save because of it, but all that mental anguish and stress you save yourself from.

On a side note, as the market continues to be hot for new condo purchases, getting that pre-approval done prior to venturing towards that condo investment is of the utmost importance. I've had more than a few inquiries on a few new condo developments, for instance, where potential investors have realized that changes and alterations are required before they can jump on that bandwagon. The good news is that, if you have time, you have possibilities. As your parents used to say, do your homework.

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Iron Man auction

Next spring's Iron Man 2 premiere will be memorable for two lucky fans. Oxfam Ambassador Scarlett Johansson is auctioning two movie premiere tickets, as well as a meet-and-greet with herself. The auction begins today at 10 p.m. ET at eBay.com/Oxfam. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Chasing drama

Chace Crawford has shrugged off speculation he is dating Lindsay Lohan and his Gossip Girl co-star Taylor Momsen, dismissing the reports as attempts to "stir up drama."

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Nelly makes Spanish debut

Nelly Furtado

Album: Mi Plan
Label: Nelstar/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THE MONSTER SUCCESS of Loose has given Nelly the confidence to do what she wants and pull it off with grace, style and sensuality (in other words, hot without the stripper pole sleaze). This time it's an album sung entirely in Spanish (a bit surprising since her native tongue is Portuguese). As on Loose, Nelly has conscripted a bevy of guest stars to join her. But instead of Justin Timberlake and Timbaland, the list includes Juan Luis Guerra, Alejandro Fernandes, Julieta Venegas, La Mala Rodríguez, Concha Buika and Canadian Latin guitar ace Alex Cuba. There's even a duet with classical crossover Josh Groban. Furtado artfully combines contemporary dance beats with more traditional Latin grooves. It's not far fetched to see a Spanish-language song taking over the North American charts. La Bamba anyone?

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Kid Cudi

Album: Man On The Moon: The End Of Day
Label: GOOD Music/Universal
Rating: ●●●●½

WHEN TAYLOR SWIFT'S BFF Kanye West released his breakup album 808s & Heartbreak, he inadvertently created a new musical subgenre: emo rap. So it makes sense that West's latest signee Kid Cudi would release an album in the same soul-searching vein. But while his debut contains more signing than rapping, it's a far more complex and rewarding listen than 808s. It's also 100 per cent auto-tune free. Cudi has a real knack for unusual song arrangements combined with candid lyricism reminiscent of Lauryn Hill, and he's used those talents to create one of the most original hip-hop albums of the past few years.

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Nelly Furtado embraces her Latin roots on Spanish album Mi Plan.

Scarlett Johansson & Pete Yorn

Album: Break Up
Label: Atco/Warner
Rating: ●●●

SCARLETT JOHANSSON ISN'T just an actress anymore. With two records under her belt, musician can now be added to her resume. Here she teams up with singer-songwriter Pete Yorn — he wrote and conceived the album — who plays and sings masterfully on this duets record. Johansson, however, sounds flat and emotionless, not great qualities for an album about a break up. It's actually a warm and infectious record, but it would have been better if Yorn got a more experienced singer to help him out.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Sass Jordan

Album: From Dusk 'til Dawn
Label: Kindling/Warner
Rating: ●●●

THERE IS LIFE after Canadian Idol. While it's unlikely we'll hear much again from the contestants (with the exception of Hedley's Jacob Hoggard) or even the winners, it seems there will always be work for the judges. Sass Jordan is still churning out the '70s-inspired rock she's always loved and (surprise!) Jake Gold is managing her. Jordan has a great voice and a gift for catchy pop-rockers. The nine original tracks on this CD have just enough grit and who's going to complain about Jordan singing a cover of Tom Wait's classic Ol' 55. As a matter of fact, if it was 1976, these songs would be getting huge radio play.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Drake

Album: So Far So Gone
Label: Cash Money/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

NO ONE COULD have expected that a former Degrassi actor would become one of North America's most talked about rappers, but that's exactly what's happened to Aubrey "Drake" Graham. His So Far So Gone mixtape, released in February, was a huge hit thanks to the Kanye West-like club track Best I Ever Had. On his EP the budding songwriter showcases seven tracks off his earlier 17-song release. With a wildly infectious mélange of Jay-Z sounding rhymes, West-ish production and guest spots from Lil Wayne, it's a fantastic introduction.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Music**Reviews**

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Mark Knopfler

Album: Get Lucky
Label: Mercury/Universal
Rating: ●●●

THIS SLEEPY effort from Dire Straits founder Mark Knopfler will be impossible for fans to dislike. It contains an unsurprising mix of traditional Celtic acoustic numbers and mid-tempo blues rockers, all infused with Knopfler's impeccable taste and talent. His guitar shimmers on electric numbers like You Can't Beat the House and Cleaning My Gun, while his storytelling shines on tracks like the shipwreck tale So Far from the Clyde.

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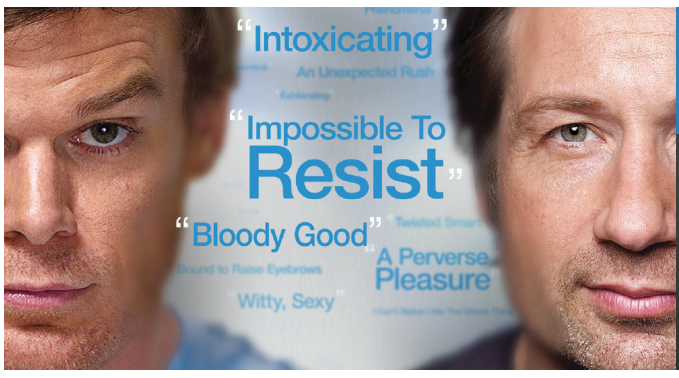

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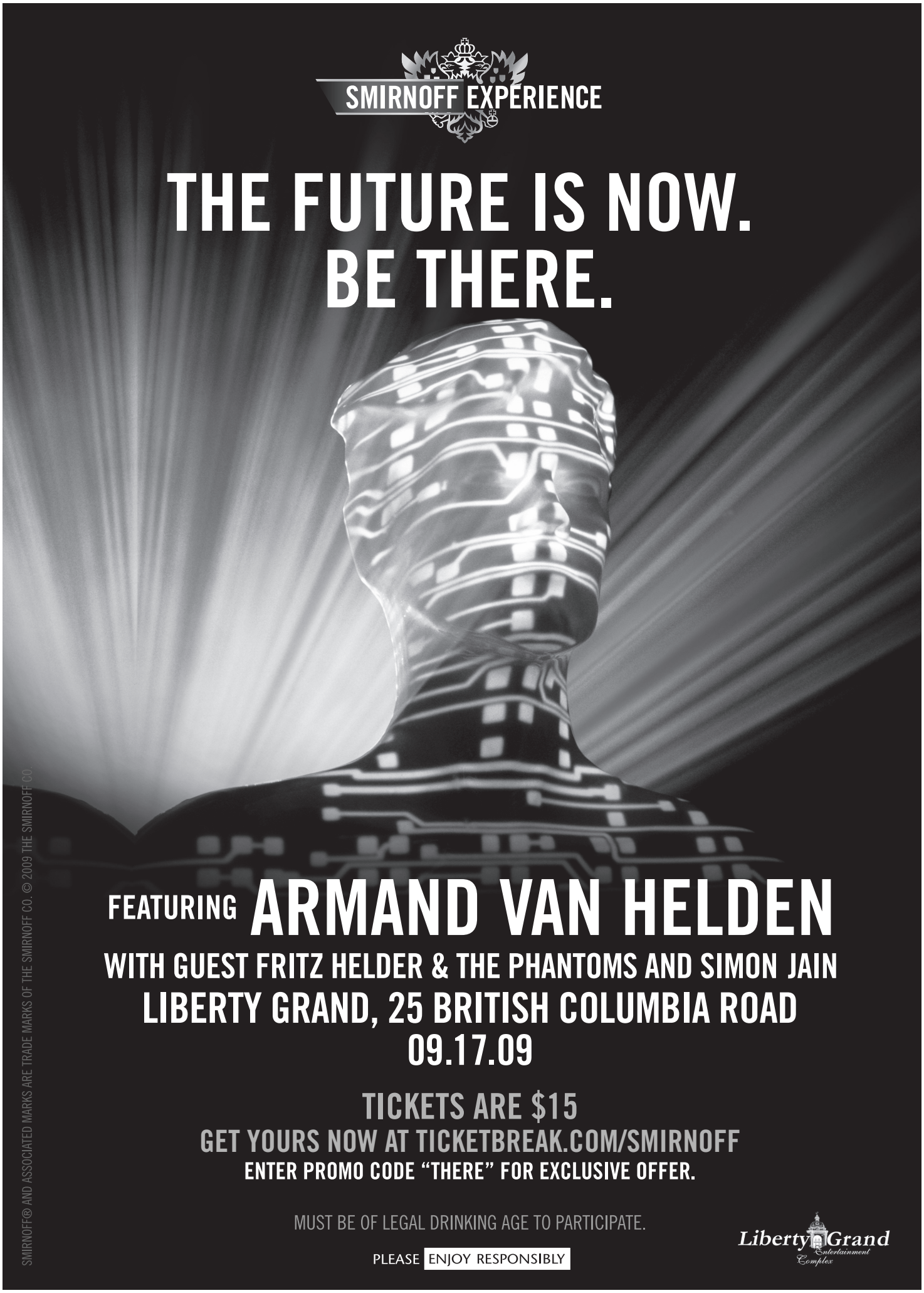
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Dylan on display

Denmark's National Gallery says it will exhibit 100 works by Bob Dylan, including some of his newest acrylic paintings, beginning in September or October 2010. Thirty of the canvases have never been shown before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Signature Soderbergh

The Informant! could only have come from this director's mind

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Steven Soderbergh has had one of the most unique Hollywood directorial careers in recent memory.

He began with the indie art house hit Sex, Lies, and Videotape, and ever since, has been as comfortable with mainstream efforts like the Ocean's Eleven trilogy as he has at crafting more experimental works such as last spring's The Girlfriend Experience.

His latest effort The Informant! reconciles these two distinct styles of filmmaking, combining a difficult true story about the corrupt corporate whistleblower Marl Whitacre with a goofy comedic tone and a lead role for superstar Matt Damon.

It's a very strange but fascinating little movie that could only have come from the mind of Soderbergh.

The Informant! marks the forth collaboration between Steven Soderbergh and Matt Damon and it's unlikely to be their last.

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"It's no different then when you're in your actual life and you meet people who are like minded and become friends. When you meet someone in a work situation who you feel has a very similar ethos, then you sort of gravitate towards them and you want to repeat that experience because it makes the work so much more fun," Soderbergh told Metro while visiting Toronto for TIFF.

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Director Steven Soderbergh looks on during the TIFF news conference for the movie The Informant.

The Informant! opens in theatres tomorrow.

It's lucky that Soderbergh has an ongoing relationship with a performer as talented as Damon, because it's difficult to imagine many actors who could play the complicated character of Mark Whitacre, who was caught embezzling money from his own company while also exposing their corporate fraud to the FBI.

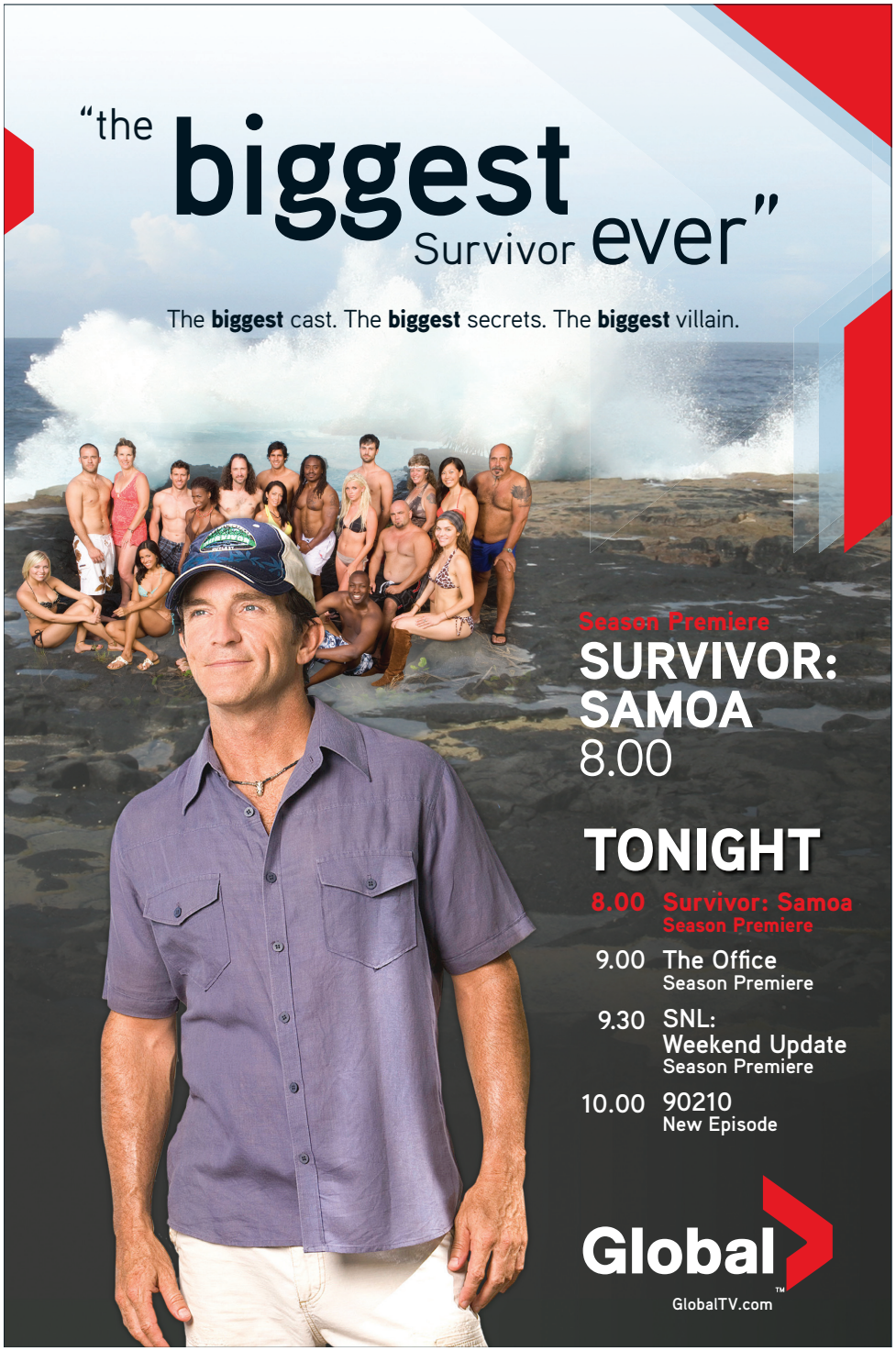
"I'm becoming more and more convinced that a good movie idea is actually routed more in a good character than a subject," noted Soderbergh, claiming that he was never particularly interested in creating a corporate satire and saw the movie as a character piece.

"My sense was he would be this guy whether he was working for ADM or not. That's sort of what I liked about the script," he said.

"Unlike most films where you have external forces acting upon your protagonist, the external forces acting up the protagonist here were all generated by the protagonist. So it was really fascinating situation. He's the good guy and the bad guy at the same time."

As if the psychology of his main character weren't challenging enough, the director also shot his '90s-set movie in the style of a '60s comedy. Soderbergh said this was done primarily out of cinematic nostalgia.

"I'm always pretending that I'm in the '60s and '70s," he says, "because it's just sort of a Jedi mind trick to make myself think that I'm making movies in that golden period of American film."



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At Lily 86, you'll find the usual suspects — California Roll, Chicken Fried Udon and Teriyakis — but there is so much more to discover here. Take the Whole Grilled Cuttlefish, Tempura Onion Rolls and items that the servers only know how to describe in Japanese.

Or the unique touches of the hot towel that follows your arrival, crispy Spring Rolls that are filled with soft, silky bamboo, creamy ginger ice cream with chunks of fresh hot ginger and the sublime Takara Plum Wine.

The presentation of everything here is elegant without being fussy, which goes well with the art deco décor.

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The set dinners are likely much pricier than your usual neighbourhood joint, but that's because this right here is the good stuff. Each set dinner includes soup, salad, maki sushi and dessert. The Sashimi Set (8 pcs) ($26) arrives with an arrangement of fresh raw fish — salmon, tuna, Japanese tuna and butterfish — that boasts an array of colours, delicate textures and roaring ocean flavours.

That said, the service can be very trying. The waitstaff speak mostly Japanese and when it's busy, the wait for anything can be long.

However, it ends up being worth the wait.

STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO TORONTO

Lily 86's Sashimi Set ($26).

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
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Dining out

IT'S WORTH THE DRIVE
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In brief

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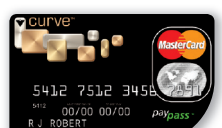

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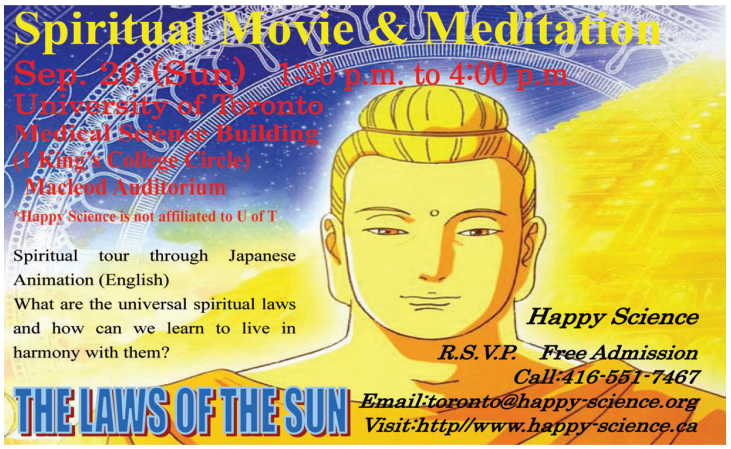
Theron was kicked out of the U.S.

South African-born actress Charlize Theron has revealed she was briefly kicked out of America as her career was taking off because she was working illegally in Hollywood. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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U2 singer Bono leans on guitarist The Edge during their show last night at the Rogers Centre.

Toronto has been waiting a long time for this. It's been over a decade since enigmatic, unforgettable and legendary Irish quartet U2 have brought a live version of their catchy rock 'n' roll to these shores with such magnitude.

To those who haven't been keeping tabs on the people keeping tabs—this event is all over the news — U2's latest voyage, dubbed the 360 Degrees Tour, is being lauded as one of modern rock's most grandiose spectacles, with the biggest concert stage in history.

They aren't kidding. Running in support of their latest, 12th studio effort No Line On The Horizon, 360 Degrees boasts a monumental circular stage enshrouded by a green and orange rig resembling a mutant crustacean. It loomed over the sizeable Rogers Centre like something out of a 1950's science fiction flick: prepared to devour a sold-out crowd with uncompromising lack of emotion.

Still, even that was mere background fodder to the seamless, engaging and enthralling presentation the band themselves unleashed on this evening.

"We've got old songs, we've got new songs, we've got songs we can barely play and we've got a spaceship," Bono noted with humility between opener "Breathe" and their new album's title track. Such relaxed professionalism and dynamic raucousness would continue throughout a massive set loaded with both new tunes and inevitable hits.

Kicking off with four tracks from No Line On The Horizon before belting out "Beautiful Day," an audience-participation heavy "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and a few mouldy oldies reaching back as far as The Unforgettable Fire, the show was a stream of awe-inspiring musicality.

Most impressive, aside from the rotating bridges that spanned the colossal stage, an appearance from a crew member of the international space station and crystal clear sound for the tin can that is the Rogers Centre, was the band's peppering of personal heroes. From an overpowering recording of David Bowie's "Space Odyssey" through to off-the-cuff "Stand By Me", U2 were quite prepared to wear their own heroes on appreciate sleeves.

All in all, the extravaganza was stunning; a high watermark for live concerts on such a level. Few bands in this day and age are able to fill a cavern such as the Rogers Centre. Even fewer are able to deliver with such veracity, spirit and enthusiasm, or as one colleague noted, a presentation that unfolds like "watching a music video happen right in front of you." More so now than ever, U2 have it all and give it right back to the fans with pride. KEITH CARMAN / FOR METRO CANADA

Jenna's expecting
Less than one month after revealing she "definitely" intends to become a mom-of-two, Jenna Elfman revealed that she is expecting her second child with husband Bodhi Elfman during an appearance CBS' The Early Show. PEOPLE.COM

Perez Hilton, music mogul?

With a record label and an artists' tour underway, the celebrity blogger is promoting music he likes

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Until recently, Perez Hilton's musical adventures chiefly involved getting in fights with the Black Eyed Peas or championing Lady Gaga, but the famous blogger wants you to know he can do more than just write about his new favourite band.

"I'm crazy about music," he says. "It's my passion."

You wouldn't be the only wondering how music became more of a passion than trashing stars on his website.

However, because Hilton enjoys the bands he likes as much as the Hollywood stars he hates, he's decided to start a label and promote a tour.

The Perez Hilton Presents Tour 2009, which features Ida Maria, Ladyhawke and Semi Precious Weapons, arrives in Toronto tonight and, Hilton says, it should be a memorable show. "People are going to walk away feeling that they've just been part of something cool," he says. "It's going to be experimental, but I don't want to say what will happen just yet."

"The Toronto show will be more acoustic," reveals Norway-based rocker Ida Maria. "That's because our guitar player has to do another gig with another band at the same time, so we're one short."

While Maria will likely be a big draw — her debut disc Fortress Round My Heart broke the top 40 on the U.K. charts — it's Hilton's name that will bring in the most fans.

But, the gossip writer doesn't always elicit positive emotions — you either like him or hate him. He says whatever you think shouldn't matter. Go see the show because of the artists.

"Don't say I don't want to go because I don't want to support Perez," he says. "You're not supporting me, you're supporting the musicians. I'm not making money on this tour. I'm pouring it all into the acts, the production and things that we'll make this different."

Hilton's divisive reputation isn't a problem for Maria."I don't have any problems being associated with his fame," she says. "My music speaks for itself."

While his name didn't make her think twice about joining his tour, his lack of musical industry experience did.

The Perez Hilton Presents Tour 2009 plays the Opera House tonight.

Before she agreed to hit the road with him she had to find out if this was a joke or not. It didn't take long before she knew he was being serious. "I realized he had some of the best people in the country on board," she reveals. "When I saw that it was a solid plan it made it more attractive to me to do it."

Hilton admits that putting on a tour and setting up his own record label has been a learning process, but he says, "I don't think I've fallen on my face just yet."

Time will tell if Hilton will become the next big music mogul — French pop artist Sliimy, his label's first artist, released Paint Your Face this week — but at least Hilton thinks his new musical journey will be successful.

"I did this because I know I will do it well," he says. "I don't want to undertake anything I won't be good at.

"I've really been able to help musicians in the past so I wanted to kick it up a notch and help my own artists."

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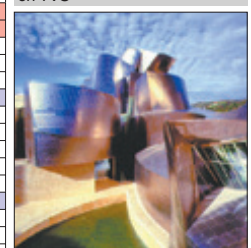
critics'corner

Masterworks
Sydney Pollack has won an Oscar, two Emmys and oodles of acclaim over his long career as a director, but 2005's "Sketches of Frank Gehry" was his first attempt at a feature-length documentary. It's a successful one, owing in part to the fact that the filmmaker and the architect were friends. That gives the exchanges between Pollack and Gehry an easy, friendly vibe. Other stars of architecture, film and elsewhere also weigh in on Gehry and his work. 10 PM on TVO



Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday
After a pretty successful series of specials during the 2008 election season, this spinoff of the fake news segment on "Saturday Night Live" returns to a permanent (-ish, depending on the ratings) Thursday time period, with anchorman Seth Meyers and, for the first two episodes, returning co-anchor Amy Poehler. Can the writers come up with enough truly funny bits to service this. Seems doubtful. 8 PM on NBC

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Mix of Six

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CONCERT U2 performs its second of two nights at the Roger Centre. Read the review of last night's show on p. 42 or visit 360.u2.com for a look at the tour.

THEATRE Zoo Story, Edward Albee's classic play set on a park bench, is performed in several parks in this touring production from Red One Theatre Collective. Performances take place at various parks. redonetheatre.com.

CONCERT Provocateur Marilyn Manson rocks the Air Canada Centre with special guest Die Mannequin. Visit livenation.com or ticketmaster.ca or call 416-870-8000.

COMEDY Stephen Patterson performs at Yuk Yuk's tonight as part of a series of shows that end Sunday. yukyuks.com

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Swayze gets Dancing send-off
Dancing with the Stars will honour Patrick Swayze on Wednesday's live results show. The late actor appeared on the show in its early years, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kristin debunks rumours

SETTING THINGS STRAIGHT Like singer John Mayer, reality TV star Kristin Cavallari says she was amused by rumours the two had hooked up. "I literally met John one time for five minutes," she told usmagazine.com yesterday. "I am single, I'll tell you that. I'm 22. Why have a boyfriend? I'm having fun."

There is one rumour that's true: She and Hills co-star Audrina Patridge don't get along. "We literally just don't see each other," she told Us. "I don't have a problem with her. If she has a problem with me, that's a whole other story." Still, Cavallari has no regrets about her reality TV career. "It's been such a great experience for me and brought me so many opportunities," she told Us. METRO WORLD NEWS

Good news and bad news for Jude

TRADING ONE PROBLEM FOR ANOTHER Jude Law has been cleared of allegations he assaulted a female photographer after officials in the U.K. ruled no action will be taken against him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star allegedly hit the photographer as he tried to get to his car after leaving a London nightclub in July. He was accused of striking Harsha Gopal on the head and slapping her face as she tried to take his picture, but he denied the accusations. His lawyer said the claims were "nonsense."

Law was adamant camera flashes had blinded him, and as he held his arm out he accidentally struck someone before apologizing and leaving the scene. In a statement, a spokesman for the crown prosecution service said, "A careful analysis of the specific evidence in this case, which included photographs and eyewitness statements, indicates that Mr. Law had no intention to assault anyone."

It has also been learned Law's baby with model Samantha Burke is due Oct. 6, the same day he debuts on Broadway in Hamlet.

Burke is reportedly looking to upstage the actor, as she's reportedly been shopping around an exclusive interview about their relationship and pictures of newborn, to be named Sophia.

"Samantha is getting offers ranging up to $200,000 (US)," a source told Page Six. "While Jude has promised to provide for Sophia, Samantha doesn't feel like his behaviour towards her was entirely chivalrous." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity tweets

Serena Williams attempts to make amends for her U.S. Open outburst, Tila Tequila uses her Twitter followers as an alarm clock, and Ben Stiller can't quite figure out how to use Twitter.

• @serenajwilliams I want to sincerely apologize FIRST to the lineswoman, Kim Clijsters, USTA & mostly tennis fans everywhere. Thank you all for your support

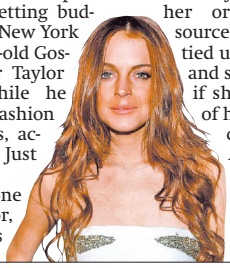
• @officialTila Ok don't forget. 9am wake up call please! Just tweet me...I'll hear it! LOL...nite nite! *drinks chocolate milk* xoxox

• @RedHourBen I keep Direct Messaging the world. Let's all have a meeting. Someday I will figure this out. METRO WORLD NEWS

LiLo corrupts the young?

THINK OF THE KIDS! Lindsay Lohan seems to be pulling double duty when it comes to corrupting the young. The actress was spotted this week getting buddy-buddy in New York with 16-year-old Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen while he hit various Fashion Week events, according to Just Jared.

Only one week prior, Lohan was letting 15-year-old sister Ali Lohan tag along to bars and clubs around L.A., Life & Style magazine alleges. "Lindsay didn't coddle her or anything," a source said. "They partied until after 1 a.m., and she treated Ali as if she were just one of her friends at the club with her. And Ali was excited to be there." METRO WORLD NEWS



Sean rebounds with model

SECOND CHANCE AT LOVE His divorce from Robin Wright Penn may not be finalized, but Sean Penn already appears to be moving on.

The actor has been spotted around New York with Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Jessica White, according to People. "They were holding hands" at an intimate dinner, said a source. "They seemed really into each other. She was laying on him. She was laying on his shoulder. He seemed really into her."

The pair reportedly met at a party at Kid Rock's house.

"They are pretty serious together. She wants to get serious with him and it seems like he is really into her, too," the source added. METRO WORLD NEWS

Church opposes Elton's plan

ANOTHER ROADBLOCK At least one organization is happy that Ukrainian law prohibits singer Elton John and his partner, David Furnish, from adopting a 14-month-old boy they met at an orphanage recently.

"Thank God it's impossible under Ukrainian law for Elton John to adopt a child," Ukraine Orthodox Church spokesman Father Georgy Gulyaev said, according to the Daily Mail. "The church will never agree that people who have created same-sex marriage could also dare to adopt children. This applies to all, including Elton John. He is a sinner." METRO WORLD NEWS

Megan the murderer?

WATCH OUT FOR THIS ONE Megan Fox is the first to admit she's dangerous — and that boyfriend Brian Austin Green might want to worry about his safety.

"My temper is ridiculously bad," Fox confessed to Rolling Stone magazine. "I've had to say to Brian, 'You have to go and stop talking to me, because I'm going to kill you. I'm going to stab you with something, please leave.'"

And it's because of that temper that Fox isn't armed, she says. "I'd never own a gun for that reason ... I wouldn't shoot to kill. But I would shoot him in the leg, for sure." METRO WORLD NEWS

Missing: Jessica's dog last seen in coyote's jaws

DOGGONE SHAME Jessica Simpson is holding out hope that her beloved dog, Daisy, is still OK despite being carried off by a wild animal. "My heart is broken because a coyote took my precious Daisy right in front of our eyes," Simpson tweeted. "We are searching. Hoping. Please help."

Simpson uploaded a missing poster for the pooch, which she received as a gift from then-husband Nick Lachey in 2004. METRO WORLD NEWS

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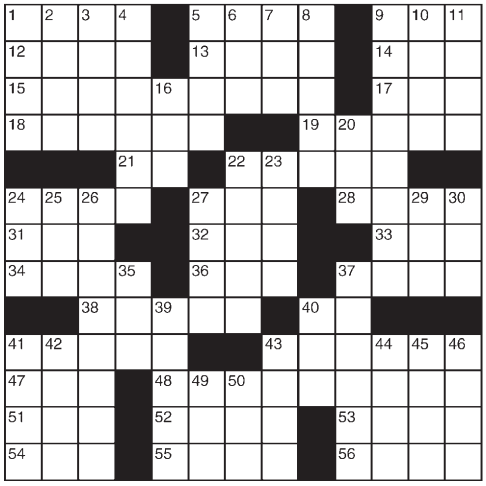

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			2			4		
7	5						9	
		8			1		2	
	2	7	1	4			6	
3								4
	1			5	9	3	7	
	9		5			2		
	8						4	7
		1			6			

ACROSS

1 Emulated Michael Phelps
5 Goya's "Duchess of —"
9 URL bit
12 Incite
13 Fly high
14 Sapporo sash
15 26-Down attendee
17 Tear
18 "The Usual Suspects" actor
19 Identifies
21 Fire
22 Memorable mission
24 Feedbag fill
27 Carte lead-in
28 Former larva
31 "A pox upon thee!"
32 Beleaguered spacecraft
33 Turf
34 Envelope feature
36 "Bleah!"
37 "F' heaven's sake!"
38 Sign of life
40 "— what?"
41 Form
43 Opening remark?
47 The girl
48 26-Down attendee
51 Illustrations
52 Reed instrument
53 Protracted
54 Possibly will
55 Require
56 Ostriches' kin

DOWN

1 Addition problems
2 Enclose
3 City of India
4 Groups' havens
5 Wan
6 Mauna —
7 Tavern
8 Action venue
9 26-Down attendee
10 Theater trophy
11 Gratuities
16 Whammy
20 Pump up the volume
22 26-Down attendee
23 Caprice
24 Askew
25 Have a bug
26 Wonderland event
27 Writer Kingsley
29 "The Raven" man
30 Woodworking tool
35 Young dog
37 Nudge
39 Dealership dud
40 Vast expanse
41 Counterfeit
42 Wife of Zeus
43 Molt
44 Teensy bit
45 Waiter's handout
46 Work measures
49 Honest politician
50 Anonymous John

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M	A	L	E		D	E	B		W	A	R	P		
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R	E	E	L		E	E	L		T	B	A	R		
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1	6	7	4	5	3	9	8	2
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4	5	9	2	1	8	7	3	6
8	9	2	5	3	6	1	4	7
7	4	5	8	2	1	6	9	3
6	1	3	7	9	4	5	2	8
9	7	4	3	8	5	2	6	1
2	8	1	6	7	9	3	5	4
5	3	6	1	4	2	8	7	9

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Metro Recipe of the Day

STEPHEN MACLEOD

Chili Chicken, Corn & Pasta

Submitted by Jackie Hayward, Fort St. John, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

6 oz.pkg of Angel hair pasta
3 fresh ears of sweet corn
1/4 cup of cooking oil
4 small skinless boneless chicken breasts,
1-1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 medium tomatoes, sliced
3 Tbsp. lemon juice
Snipped fresh parsley if desire

METHOD:

1. Cook pasta and corn ears in salted boiling water about 8 minutes or until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Mix 1-teaspoon chili powder, salt and pepper in a bowl and then sprinkle the mix over each chicken breast.
3. In a large skillet cook chicken in 1-tablespoon hot oil over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink, turning once.
4. While chicken is cooking, cut the sweet corn kernels from the cobs.
5. Combine the remaining oil and chili powder along with the lemon juice in a jar.
6. Mix the chicken, corn, tomatoes and pasta and serve onto 4 plates.
7. Drizzle with the prepared dressing and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper.
8. Serve with a sprig of parsley.

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Walk away from people who are always talking you down. It does not matter that you feel you owe them in some way, it matters only that you liberate yourself.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't try to hide your feelings because you won't succeed. Instead, speak up and let others know exactly what you think and why.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Work and health issues need to be dealt with today. Think seriously about how you are using your time and your energy.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There will be some major changes in your everyday environment over the next few weeks and no matter how much you prepare yourself.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Whatever changes you are thinking of making you are advised to wait until the Sun changes signs on the 22nd.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may be tempted to invest in something you don't know much about but when you start thinking like that you are likely to make a costly mistake.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will send out very strong signals today and those signals will attract people who, to put it mildly, are out of the ordinary.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
This is a good time for you and it will get even better over the next few weeks, so save some energy for what is to come.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Make an effort to understand the thought processes of people whose ideas and opinions you don't agree with.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Do you follow a path that has been laid out for you by others? Or do you follow a path that you personally believe in? That is what you need to decide.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun's change of signs on the 22nd will encourage you to speak up about things you believe in and stir up the kind debate that is needed.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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6. Cleverly sarcastic essay or script (2)
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	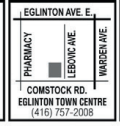	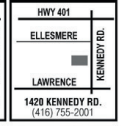
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	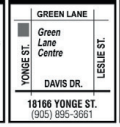					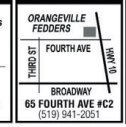	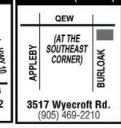	
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